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A Somali youth throwing a rock at a U.S. tank recovery vehicle in Mogadishu on Wednesday as violent mobs protested the presence of American forces in the country.

Mobs Attack U.S. and UN Forces in Somalia

By Stuart Auerbach Washington Post Service MOGADISHU, Somalia — The fragile calm that gave a semblance of normality to this ravaged city burst apart on Wednesday as rampaging mobs shouted for American troops to leave, pelted U.S. and UN forces with rocks and looted the Egyptian Embassy.

Somali policemen and one civilian were killed, Agence France-Presse reported. The spokesman, Colonel Fred Peck, said one young Somali had been killed by a bullet "apparently fired by other Somalis" and that the two police officers had been killed by demonstrators.

General Aidid accused forces from the United States and 21 other countries and the United Nations of allowing one of his arch-enemies, General Mohammed Said Hersi Morgan, to grab territory in the southern port city of Kismayu.

"We could have a Chinese firecracker effect if we are not very very careful," he said. The violent demonstration on Wednesday was a major setback to U.S. efforts to defang the warlords and bring peace and stability to Somalia.

Russians Might Join UN Police in Bosnia Once Peace Is Won

By Michael Dobbs Washington Post Service MOSCOW — The Russian government unveiled a peace initiative for the former Yugoslavia on Wednesday, raising the possibility that it will join Western countries in contributing to a United Nations peacekeeping force for Bosnia.

Europeans Welcome U.S. Airdrop Plan

By Craig R. Whitney New York Times Service BONN — Even before President Bill Clinton announced a decision to air-drop relief supplies to civilians in Bosnia-Herzegovina, West European leaders welcomed it on Wednesday as a sign that the United States was not going to leave them alone with the seemingly impossible task of stopping the war in the Balkans.

Both the French and British foreign ministers on Wednesday welcomed Mr. Clinton's move, and Prime Minister John Major of Britain met with Mr. Clinton in the White House (Page 6). But European leaders also see risks as well as consolation in the president's decision.

A Whodunit for Bankers Report Clears U.S. of Plot on Franc

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune PARIS — An authoritative study on financial markets published Wednesday provides no evidence to support charges that turmoil in European exchange markets last autumn was an American-inspired effort to derail the emergence of a common currency capable of competing with the U.S. dollar.

The report by the Basel-based BIS, which monitors the international banking market, does not directly address the issue of who was deploying money used in speculation that sent the EMS into turmoil. But it showed that European banks accounted for more than 90 percent of the increased funds transiting the international market, mostly reflecting the currency speculation in the third quarter.

Kiosk



TO STOP A RALLY — Policemen from Punjab, called in to New Delhi to help prevent a Hindu demonstration on Thursday, in training at their camp. More than 45,000 Hindu militants across India have been arrested to stop the anti-government rally. Page 6.

Scuttled by Unpopularity, Mulroney Says He'll Quit

By Charles Trueheart Washington Post Service TORONTO — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, bowing to his bleak political prospects, announced Wednesday that he was resigning after nearly nine years in office.

Mr. Mulroney's government is further perceived to have stymied Canada's economic recovery by instituting a 7 percent goods-and-services tax that effectively doubled sales taxes — even if it did chop Canada's budget deficit in half.

Kenyan Leader Assails U.S. Envoy

NAIROBI (Reuters) — President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya broke with diplomatic tradition on Wednesday to launch a direct attack on the American ambassador at a farewell meeting.

Table with financial data including Dow Jones (Up 33.23), Trib Index (91.41), and The Dollar (New York, West, Close, Previous Close).

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China Suspected Of Reviving Germ Weapons

By R. Jeffrey Smith Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — U.S. intelligence officials are worried that China may have revived and expanded its offensive germ warfare program.

Don't Panic! Those Health Warnings Aren't So Lethal

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service NEW YORK — The steady stream of reports ascribing horrendous health risks to nearly every aspect of modern life, from electric blankets and cellular phones to post-menopausal hormones and now vasectomy, can fill otherwise rational people with feelings of panic and paranoia.

In years past, panic-button-pushing reports have included a link of hair dyes to cancer, coffee to heart disease, and menopausal hormones and alcohol consumption to breast cancer, among many others.

Even the researchers sometimes fail to see or mention caveats that may diminish the significance of their observations. Still, there are some guidelines that can help everyone better understand the significance of reported findings and avoid frenetic and pointless changes in habits.

A link between two phenomena does not imply cause and effect. Correlations and relative risks are merely clues to possible cause-and-effect relationships.

For example, there is a well-known association between the number of television airtels in a region and death rates from heart attacks. This does not mean television causes heart attacks, but it might mean that people who watch a lot of

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# French Socialists Move to Pin the Blame on Mitterrand

By Alan Riding  
New York Times Service

PARIS — Battered by financial scandals, unpopularity and infighting, the Socialist Party is gambling that it can recover from an expected drubbing in parliamentary elections next month if it can pin the blame on President François Mitterrand.

With a conservative coalition looking certain to take over the government, the Socialists are hurriedly turning against the man who led them to power in 1981, hoping to persuade voters that it is "Mitterrandism" and not socialism that they will reject on March 21 and 28.

The first blow was struck by the president's long-time Socialist rival, Michel Rocard, who last week delivered what resembled a funeral oration for the Socialist Party, founded by Mr. Mitterrand in 1971. He promised a "political big bang" after the elections to create a much broader movement.

Eager to save their threatened careers, other Socialist leaders promptly closed ranks around Mr. Rocard, a 62-year-old former prime minister who has announced that he will run for the presidency in 1995, when Mr. Mitterrand's second seven-year term ends.

The Socialist strategy appears to be to write off next month's elections, to win new allies and to hope that Jacques Chirac, a former prime minister, and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, a former president, will weaken

each other battling for the conservative nomination in 1995.

Yet it may not be easy for the left to disguise the expected electoral disaster. The conservative coalition formed by Mr. Chirac's Rally for the Republic and Mr. Giscard d'Estaing's Union for French Democracy may win 40 percent of votes — but perhaps as many as 80 percent of parliamentary seats.

[The opposition could capture up to 452 of 555 seats in mainland France, Reuters reported from Paris. It quoted an opinion poll by the BVA institute published Wednesday by the weekly Paris Match, showing that the Socialists could hope for a maximum 101 seats.

[The poll predicted Communists would get up to 20 seats, ecologists up to 10 seats and the extreme right National Front 1 or 2.]

Once Mr. Mitterrand has appointed a conservative prime minister — Edouard Balladur, a former finance minister, is the favorite — the new government also seems certain to blame the Socialists for any unpopular measures needed to tackle a swollen budget deficit and a flagging economy.

Further, for all the Socialists' efforts to make the 76-year-old president the scapegoat, it is the party as a whole that has earned a reputation for corruption in a series of embarrassing financial scandals.

The latest, while perhaps not involving outright corruption, has bruised the reputation of Prime Minister Pierre Bérégovoy, who has admitted receiving a 1 million franc (\$180,000) interest-free loan from a

businessman who was later indicted for insider trading.

As a result, a party that came to power in 1981 on a wave of youthful idealism is now watching many of its former supporters desert to two environmental parties.

Since disillusionment with the Socialists has not significantly swollen voter support for the right, Mr. Rocard has been encouraged to launch his idea of a political movement embracing Socialists, Communists, environmentalists and centrists.

"Our problem today is not the right," he told followers last week. "We are our problem. If the expected election results are confirmed, it will not be the right's victory. It will be our failure." And he then went on to enumerate the errors committed by the Socialists since 1981.

Mr. Mitterrand was predictably unenthusiastic about the idea. "The first aim must be to reunite the Socialist Party itself," he said. "Before extending its alliances, the Socialist Party must rediscover its own message."

But many Socialist leaders were shaken out of their pre-electoral blues and embraced the initiative. "We're all in agreement," Industry Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn said. "Things can't go on like this. I'm sure I'm not the only one to have often felt absolute outrage."

Finance Minister Michel Sapin said Mr. Rocard's

blow had enabled the Socialists to see beyond "the wall" of the parliamentary elections.

Even Jacques Delors, the head of the European Community's executive commission, who has also been mentioned as a possible Socialist candidate in 1995, endorsed the notion of a "political big bang," albeit warning that he was not ready to bury the Socialist Party as such.

Groups targeted for wooing by Mr. Rocard were initially more cautious. But on Wednesday, Brice Lalonde, president of Generation Ecologie, said he "accepted the extended hand" of Mr. Rocard. Some centrists said they would rather await the demise of the Socialist Party before responding.

The debate has nonetheless underlined Mr. Mitterrand's isolation. Called on to defend his government on television last week, it almost seemed as if no one else was willing to do so. Yet, while suffering from prostate cancer, he has dismissed calls for his resignation after the elections next month.

Indeed, he might even have reason to feel betrayed by Mr. Rocard, who served as his prime minister between 1988 and 1991. Relations between the two men, though, were always cool.

In the end, political experts believe hopes for a Socialist revival may depend less on Mr. Rocard's popularity than on the performance of the new conservative government. Oddly, though, the Socialists are now going into a crushing defeat next month already thinking victory is possible in 1995.

## New Leader Assails 'Korean Disease'

SEOUL (NYT) — Kim Young Sam took the oath Thursday as South Korea's first nonmilitary president in more than three decades and delivered a fiery inaugural address in which he charged the generals who had preceded him with leading the country into a "dark political night" of corruption and economic malaise.

Mr. Kim had campaigned as a moderate in last year's election, on a platform of "reform amid stability." But his call on Thursday for national renewal included proposals for sweeping economic and political liberalization, huge investments to build new electrical power stations, ports and airports, and a crusade against official graft in a society that, he said, was riddled with systemic corruption.

While Mr. Kim spoke of the promise of better days ahead for a newly democratic country that has been hailed as one of East Asia's economic miracles, he was scathing in his assessment of where his predecessor, Roh Tae Woo, a former general, had left the nation. "We are sick with what has been termed the Korean disease," he said, referring to mistrust of government, an economic slowdown and a society given by social hatreds.

## Zaire Troops Blockade Legislature

KINSHASA, Zaire — Hundreds of heavily armed troops blocked the transitional parliament Wednesday, preventing legislators from leaving in a dispute over Zaire's new banknotes.

Army leaders said they had rejected an interim constitution that had been written by a conference seeking to bring democracy to the country. Truckloads of soldiers blocked all entrances to the People's Palace conference hall, where the legislature was in session.

The soldiers said they wanted the opposition-dominated legislature to approve the use of new banknotes that sparked riots last month in which hundreds of people were killed. The notes, with a face value of 5 million zaires, were issued by President Mobutu Sese Seko in December but outlawed by Prime Minister Etienne Tshisekedi.

## Iran Finds Some Diseases Resurgent

TEHRAN (NYT) — The resurgence of tuberculosis, anthrax and rabies, serious and often fatal infectious diseases, has taken on alarming proportions in Iran, government officials and Iranian doctors say.

Dr. Mohammed Ali Rad, head of the Veterinarian Education Council, has warned that "cases of dangerous diseases have risen several-fold" since the Iranian revolution in 1979.

"Figures on patients suffering from tuberculosis, anthrax, rabies and Malta fever, or brucellosis, show a significant spread in Iran since before the revolution," Dr. Rad said in an interview with the newspaper Salam. Anthrax and Malta fever are bacterial diseases carried by domestic animals and sometimes spread to humans. Exact figures were not given.

## U.S. Aide Clarifies Yeltsin Comment

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Richard L. Armitage, the coordinator of U.S. aid to Russia, said Wednesday that his comment last week that President Boris N. Yeltsin's days in power were numbered was "injudicious" and implied no lessening of U.S. support for the Russian leader.

"I describe my comments that were reported in the press the other day as injudicious, and they were that," Mr. Armitage told the Senate Armed Services Committee. "I would like to note, however, nowhere in my speech which was reported did I indicate any lessening of U.S. support for President Yeltsin."

President Bill Clinton's administration said Mr. Armitage's comment, in a speech in Tennessee on Feb. 16, did not represent his own analysis of the situation in Russia. Mr. Armitage said in the speech that Mr. Yeltsin's "days are somewhat numbered." He told the senators on Wednesday he was referring to the difficulty of governing in Russia.

## Home Buying Plan Saddens a Duke

LONDON (Reuters) — One of Britain's wealthiest men and richest landlords said Wednesday that he had resigned from the governing Conservative Party over plans to give thousands of people the right to buy ownership of their homes.

The Duke of Westminster, who owns 300 acres (120 hectares) of property in London's prestigious Mayfair and Belgrave districts, said he believed that the Conservative government had "ideologically gone off the rails" over its plans to revise housing laws. "It is a sad day," said the duke, whose worth is estimated at 3.5 billion pounds (\$5 billion). "It is distressing from a personal point of view to have heritage of over 300 years taken away."

The government has proposed measures that would allow some 750,000 people who currently hold the right to own their homes only on a short-term, or leasehold basis, to make a one-off payment to landlords and buy the freehold to their properties. The changes, if approved by parliament, will cut into the property empires of Britain's millionaire landlords.

## Cuban Vote Still a One-Party Affair

HAVANA (Reuters) — Cubans voted Wednesday in national elections marked by an intense campaign by the authorities recommending a block vote for official candidates.

While they are the first direct elections to be held in more than 30 years of Communist rule, the parliamentary and regional polls are strictly a one-party affair with no opposition or alternatives to the official candidate lists.

The elections were preceded by an urgent appeal by President Fidel Castro, who described them as a "trial of strength between our people and imperialism." He was speaking in the city of Santiago de Cuba, where he is standing as a candidate for parliament.

## Helicopter Crash Kills U.S. General

BONN (WP) — A senior U.S. Army commander in Europe and two top aides were among four people killed in the crash of an army helicopter at a U.S. military base in Wiesbaden, Germany, officials said Wednesday.

Major General Jarrett J. Robertson, 57, the deputy commanding general of 5th Corps, died when a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crashed as it tried to land at Wiesbaden Air Base. Also killed was Colonel William J. Densberger, 47, the chief of operations and plans for 5th Corps, and Colonel Robert J. Kelly, 48, chief of intelligence for the corps.

No cause has yet been identified for the crash, in which four others were wounded. A team from the U.S. Army Safety Center in Alabama is scheduled to arrive Thursday to investigate the accident.

## TRAVEL UPDATE

Russia has asked Britain for permission to set up a consulate in Hong Kong, a Hong Kong government spokesman said Wednesday, adding that permission was expected to be granted. (AFP)

Ticket sellers at Paris train stations will go on a 24-hour strike Friday to protest a new computerized ticketing system, unions said. (AFP)

Heavy snowfalls in Austria threw traffic in Vienna into chaos on Wednesday, and avalanches remained a serious danger in the Alps after a woman was killed by one on Tuesday. (Reuters)

Workers began placing lead ingots at the base of the Leaning Tower of Pisa on Wednesday to keep it from tipping further, the final phase in a restoration project. The tower, which was built in 1173, was closed in January 1990 because experts said it was a public danger. (Reuters)

Polish railroad workers will stop trains in five central provinces on Thursday as a part of a 48-hour general strike in the Lodz region, the PAP news agency reported. (Reuters)

## Iraqis Aimed Guns At UN Inspectors, Officials Report

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS, New York — A United Nations official told the Security Council on Wednesday that Iraq had aimed anti-aircraft guns at a UN helicopter on a weapons inspection flight and twice threatened to shoot it down.

The incident on Monday was the first major problem between the Iraqi government and UN weapons inspectors since the Clinton administration took office and since President Saddam Hussein called for improved relations with the United States and the United Nations.

Rolf Ekeus, head of the UN Special Commission in charge of Iraqi weapons inspections, informed the Security Council of what he called Iraqi harassment, obstruction and a violation of its cease-fire obligations.

"An Iraqi escort helicopter said their plane would be shot down if it flew over the site and our crew also observed that anti-aircraft guns were trained at their helicopter and were tracking it," Mr. Ekeus said after his closed briefing to the council.

He said that the president of the Security Council, Ahmed Sissoussi of Morocco, was to summon the chief Iraqi delegate, Nizar Hamdoun, and demand guarantees that UN flights would not be obstructed or threatened.

There was no immediate reaction from Iraqi diplomats.

But Mr. Ekeus said that after the incident Iraqi officials had denied it was a threat and had called the warning "standard military practice."

He called the case "extremely serious" and a violation of Iraq's obligations under the UN cease-fire and related resolutions, which give full freedom to UN inspectors and aircraft.

He also said he did not detect

any greater cooperation from the Iraqi side than in the past.

Mr. Ekeus said that the incident "is part of Iraq's overall strategy, its salami tactics, to systematically narrow the scope of our operations and search."

### An Unusual Search

Michael R. Gordon of The New York Times reported earlier from Washington.

Diplomatic officials said the confrontation occurred as inspectors began an unusual and complex search for Scud missiles and related equipment.

The CIA believed that Iraq was hiding perhaps 200 Scuds, but the inspectors have not found any.

On Monday, some inspectors searched on the ground while a U-2 spy plane flew overhead.

A pair of UN helicopters joined in the inspection, taking photographs to chronicle any suspicious activity by Iraqis.

As the two helicopters flew toward the area, the crews saw that Iraqi forces had trained anti-aircraft guns on them.

Underscoring the threat, an Iraqi official also warned the inspectors against continuing, officials said.

The helicopters left the area, then returned to complete their search.

But the delay may have given the Iraqis time to remove material from the area.

"When you are looking for something that is highly mobile, a delay is not helpful," a diplomat said.

Western officials said the UN commission planned to evaluate data from the U-2 flight to determine if the Iraqis moved equipment away while the helicopters were gone.

Even if it turns out that no equipment was moved, the Iraqi action was seen as jeopardizing the UN plan to carry out weapons inspections anywhere it deems necessary.

— say they will not lay down their dish towels without a fight.

### Munich's Olympic Tower Is 25 Years Old This Week

Munich's Olympic Tower is 25 years old this week. So far, 27.2 million people have visited the viewing platform and revolving restaurant of the 289-meter (945-foot) high structure. Like the Eiffel Tower in its early days, Munich's tower continues to be attacked for its alleged aesthetic shortcomings. But its utility as a TV transmitter, and the sensational view — reaching to the Alps on a clear day — seem to have made the 12,500-ton structure a permanent fixture.

Officials in Scotland are blaming exceptionally bad weather and an increase in the number of inexperienced climbers for a recent spate of mountaineering deaths. Fourteen persons have died in the past seven weeks, nearly half the number that died in all of 1990. Many beginners underestimate weather conditions which, on some peaks over 3,000 feet, can be positively Arctic-like.

Goaded, perhaps, by the existence of the Beer Drinkers' Party, a group of Poles in Gdansk has formed the Sobriety Party. Only those who never drink and have no record of alcohol-related convictions are welcome.

As always, the sexual habits of the French provide pause for reflection. A study by the French National Demographics Institute found that men claimed an average of 12 sexual partners in a lifetime, while women claimed 3.2. Men's frequenting of prostitutes (in sharp decline, incidentally) would account for part of this, researchers believe. But they add that men tend to exaggerate their sexual histories while women understate their own. Could this also explain the missing five minutes? The average man surveyed said the sex act lasted about 31 minutes; the average woman, 26 minutes.

Brian Knowlton



MAFIA TRIAL DELAY — Italian soldiers standing guard as reporters entered the fortified courtroom at Palermo's Ucciardone jail on Wednesday for the trial of the Mafia leader Salvatore Riina. The trial, however, was adjourned about 10 minutes later when Mr. Riina failed to appear. The court said Mr. Riina had not been transferred to Palermo from Rome for security reasons.

## Police Believe Basque Terror Is Finished

By William Drozdiak  
Washington Post Service

PARIS — French and Spanish authorities say they believe they have dealt a knockout blow to Basque separatist guerrillas after capturing the head of their terrorist operations and seizing a vast underground arms factory.

The arrest of Rafael Caride Simon in the southern French town of Toulouse last week-end was hailed by police as a crowning success in the effort by the two countries to eradicate one of Europe's most resilient secret armies.

French and Spanish officials say the cooperation between their anti-terror squads is close to shutting down a 25-year campaign of bombings and assassinations in the name of independence for nearly 3 million Basques along the border.

Police seized Mr. Simon while he was drinking a beer in a bar. Although he was armed, he offered no resistance.

He is considered to be the mastermind of some of the most grisly Basque terror attacks, including a 1987 car bombing of a Barcelona supermarket that killed 21 people.

His capture followed the capture in France last week of several other suspects and the discovery of a huge cache of pistols, automatic weapons and plastic explosives in the basement of a villa near Bayonne.

The dragnet against the Basque separatist group ETA was launched before the Barcelona Olympics last summer. More than 500 people have been arrested, including most of ETA's known leadership.

The real key to their success, police officials say, is disillusionment among many Basques with the brutality shown by the ETA leaders.

During the era of General Francisco Franco, the Basque separatist movement received support among Basque civilians, Spanish democrats and even the French government in common opposition to Madrid's rightist dictatorship.

But the arrival of democracy 17 years ago robbed ETA of a hostile oppressor. The Socialist government of Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez has granted greater regional autonomy, and the Basque community now runs its own

health and educational systems, operates its own police force and collects its own taxes.

Accordingly, many Basque civilians appear to have abandoned sympathies for ETA's violent quest of independence.

"ETA has already ceased to exist as a point of political reference," said José Antonio Ardanza, the president of the Basque autonomous government.

The Spanish government has refused to negotiate with the Basque separatists, who threatened to disrupt the Olympics unless Madrid agreed to come to the bargaining table. The Games occurred without incident.

Madrid officials say a policy of dispersing Basque guerrillas to jails around the country is also working. Those who are considered hard-line leaders are moved to different jails every month to curtail their influence over other Basque prisoners. When they were held together, the guerrillas maintained solidarity on a need to use terrorism to achieve their aims. But now that they are kept apart, many of them are starting to renounce their violent ways, the police say.

## Teens' Killing Raises Fury in Spain

New York Times Service

MADRID — The discovery in recent weeks of the bodies of three teenage girls who had been raped, tortured and then shot has set off protests against lax criminal laws and lenient judges and has brought angry demands for a return of the death penalty in Spain.

Within a little more than a year, five children between the ages of 7 and 9 have also been raped and killed, while pictures of others still missing are starting to appear in airports, markets and restaurants.

Although one of the three suspects in the deaths of the teenagers has now been arrested, indignation is high because one of the two remaining fugitives was a convict who had failed to return to jail after a weekend leave.

Justice Minister Tomás de la

## Small Art Find In a Junk Sale

Reuters

LONDON — An American tourist bought a painting of hummingbirds for £2 (\$3) at a junk sale and found its true value was closer to £34,000.

The man was browsing at a roadside sale near Bristol, in southwest England, when he found the small, brightly colored picture that looked familiar.

Christie's auction house in London identified it as "Ruby Throats with Apple Blossoms" by the 19th century American painter Martin Johnson Heade, known mainly for bird and landscape paintings.

The buyer plans to sell the painting.

## Russia Says Israel Hides A Large Nuclear Stock

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON — Russia's intelligence service estimates that Israel might have produced as many as 200 nuclear weapons and has uranium stocks to last 100 years, according to a report made available Wednesday.

The assessment of Israel's nuclear stockpiles by the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service is somewhat higher than that in U.S. assessments that put Israel's warheads at fewer than 100.

The report, distributed by Senator John Glenn, Democrat of Ohio, holds that Israel could have produced 20 nuclear weapons from 1970 to 1978, "and by this time, from 100 to 200 weapons."

"I hope that in the future the American people will not have to rely on the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service for interpretations of the foreign threat," he said.

The report, titled "A New Chal-

lenge after the Cold War — the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction," was issued in Moscow late last month by Yevgeny Primakov, head of the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service.

The service was the successor to the KGB before the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union. It said the Israeli output of fissionable plutonium, used in nuclear weapons, may be growing quickly and could reach 20 to 40 kilograms (44 to 88 pounds) a year.

The report said Israel had three plants for producing weapons-grade plutonium — two heavy water reactors and an irradiated-fuel reprocessing plant. These can produce enough material for 5 to 10 weapons a year, it said.

"Stocks of uranium in Israel are estimated as being sufficient for its own needs and even for exports for roughly 200 years," the report said. (AP Reuters)

## Clinton Urged To Lead Rescue In Sudan Famine

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. humanitarian relief organizations and members of Congress have asked the Clinton administration to take a leading role in dealing with the increasingly serious famine in Sudan before it becomes a disaster as serious as Somalia was last year.

Specialists warned that inaction by the United States now could lead to urgent and large-scale involvement later.

Aid officials said the key to preventing deterioration in the country was to broaden the focus to political as well as humanitarian issues. Roger Winter, executive director of the U.S. Committee on Refugees, said that the Clinton administration should act through the United Nations Security Council press the Sudanese government and rebels in southern Sudan to desist from further attacks on refugee camps.

## SOMALIA: Angry Mobs Attack U.S. and UN Forces

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tunity for other, more peaceful leaders to step into the vacuum.

General Aidid used broadcasts on his radio station to fight back. He accused U.S. and UN forces of restricting his military arm while allowing General Morgan to attack in Kisumu. He did not mention the ultimatum given by Mr. Oakley and the U.S. military commander Robert B. Johnston, that General Morgan gather all his forces in a compound or face attack. General Aidid called for unspecified "neutral" troops to replace U.S. and Belgian soldiers in patrolling Kisumu.

"You have to defend your freedom, your honor and not allow yourselves to be under colonialism," General Aidid said.

The disruptions started Tuesday night, as people started patrolling Marines with rocks, but it worsened Wednesday. By 8 A.M., bands of young men and women were burning tires and setting up road-

blocks on main thoroughfares and throwing rocks at Nigerian troops in UN tanks and armored cars at the traffic circle. The Nigerians fired in the air in an unsuccessful attempt to disperse the crowd of 300 to 500 youths.

The mob then turned to the Egyptian Embassy, disliked by many Somalis for its support of the deposed dictator Mohamed Siad Barre. It was the only functioning embassy in the country, which has not had a government since Mr. Siad Barre was thrown out of office in January 1991, and mob members tore down its flag and looted everything they could carry — furniture, bags of grain, barrels of fuel oil and electric generators.

U.S. forces trying to establish order were particular targets, and soldiers and Marines hunted down against a barrage of rocks. U.S. troops later took back the Egyptian Embassy compound, but journalists watching from their hotel saw the demonstrators toss two grenades over the wall at the soldiers.

The mob also twice attacked the Sahafi Hotel near the traffic circle, where most foreign journalists are staying, demanding that the hotel staff force the foreigners to leave. On the final attack, some of the crowd had climbed the wall surrounding the hotel but were forced back by hotel guards. Later, a company of Nigerian troops was sent to protect the hotel and its guests.

### Greek Ship Investigated

The Greek government said Wednesday that it had ordered its embassy in Nairobi to launch an immediate investigation into allegations that a Greek ship had violated UN embargoes on Serbia and Somalia. The New York Times reported from Athens.

It said the investigation was ordered by the Foreign Ministry following a report that the ship Maritima, with a cargo of arms for Somalia, had sailed from Serbia and was en route to the Kenyan port of Mombasa. On the way it reportedly changed its name to Vana 1 to avoid detection.

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POLITICAL NOTES

House Democrats Delay Vote on New Funds

WASHINGTON — House Democratic leaders delayed action on President Bill Clinton's short-term economic stimulus proposal...

Energy Tax Proposal Draws Fire in Senate

WASHINGTON — Senators from both parties criticized President Clinton's proposed energy tax on Wednesday, saying it will cost jobs and damage home-state industries.

National Education Goals to Be Established

WASHINGTON — In its first major initiative on education, the Clinton administration intends to establish the first national academic standards for American schoolchildren...

Quote/Unquote

Fred Lebow, the chairman of the New York Road Runners Club, on President Clinton's daily jogging: "When you see the president running every morning in Washington or wherever he is, that has an impact..."

Away From Politics

- A Virginia trooper was found shot to death beside his car Wednesday in Dale City, in suburban Washington, and dogs quickly led investigators to two suspects who were later charged in the case. Jose Cavazos, 50, apparently was shot during a routine traffic stop.



President Clinton doing some exercises Wednesday after returning from his daily morning jog.

Clinton Sets Out to Tame The West's Vast Subsidies

By Timothy Egan New York Times Staff Writer

SEATTLE — Acting on orders from President Bill Clinton to cut subsidies for grazing, timber, mining and water, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is trying to roll back more than a century of practices that have promoted the development of the American West at government expense.

Although the plan to charge market rates for commercial use of public resources is being presented as an effort to reduce the federal budget deficit, its real importance would be to reverse the way nearly 500 million acres of Western land, about one-fifth of the area of the United States, are managed.

In encouraging ranchers to run cattle on land once thought to be essentially useless and trying to lure miners and loggers to remote places, the government has long treated the public lands of the West as a resource to be exploited.

With the Clinton plan, the government would no longer allow timber companies to cut down trees in national forests for logging at below-market rates.

"I see us as the department of the environment," Mr. Babbitt, a former governor of Arizona, said in a speech in Phoenix that earned him a standing ovation from an audience of federal employees.

Reflecting the new approach, Mr. Clinton nominated two environmentalists this week for top administration posts: George Frampton, president of the Wild-

ness Society, as assistant secretary in charge of national parks and fish and wildlife, and Jim Baca, the New Mexico land commissioner and a former board member of the Wilderness Society, as head of the Bureau of Land Management, the United States' largest land-management organization.

The intended changes are getting a strong reaction from groups that have banded together into what they call the "Wise Use" movement.

Yet, Representative George Miller, a California Democrat and chairman of the House committee that has jurisdiction over most Western land issues, predicts the changes will be approved.

Most Westerners, he said, favor the idea. Western states that had traditionally voted Republican — Colorado, Nevada, Montana and New Mexico among them — went for Mr. Clinton last year.

A majority of the initiatives proposed by the Clinton administration will need legislative approval, but Mr. Babbitt said he could take some action, such as raising grazing fees, without congressional consent.

About 28,000 ranchers graze livestock on 280 million acres of public land run by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. They are charged \$1.92 to graze one cow and her calf for a month, a rate that the government has said is one-fifth the market rate.

Some ranchers that hold permits are actually corporations, such as the Metropolitan Life Co., that run cattle over millions of acres of public land. But most are small operations of fewer than 500 cattle. The government had a loss of about \$50 million from administering the grazing program in 1990, according to the most recent report.

In mining, Mr. Clinton wants to begin charging royalties for hard-rock minerals removed from federal land. More than a million people hold mining claims on public land, most of them bought at prices set by the administration of President Ulysses S. Grant in 1872.

In numerous attempts, Congress has failed to change the law under which any person can establish a mining claim to federal land for \$2.50 an acre.

Timber sales in which the government spends more money building roads and surveying land before any logging is done than it takes in from the sales also have been a frequent target for criticism.

In 1991, timber programs in 69 of the 120 national forests in the United States were losing money. The Forest Service, which is run by the Agriculture Department, has announced a plan to end these below-cost sales as part of the president's package.

Local Officials Line Up to Lobby for Clinton's Economic Plan

By William Claiborne Washington Post Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — With their sights set on hundreds of thousands of new jobs, the nation's governors, mayors, state legislators and county officials are gearing up for an intense lobbying effort in Congress to support all or parts of President Bill Clinton's economic plan.

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has been outspokenly supportive of Mr. Clinton's economic proposals since the presidential candidate introduced his package at the mayors' annual meeting in Houston in June.

local officials already have endorsed much of the plan and have urged their fellow partisans not to "nitpick" individual proposals and endanger the entire package.

tion is Mr. Clinton's \$36 billion economic stimulus package, which the administration says will create more than 500,000 jobs for rebuilding highways, airports and other segments of the nation's infrastructure.

The level of support ranges from selectively targeted, behind-the-scenes lobbying by state legislators to a "full-court press" planned by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, complete with a boiler room-type tactical center in its Washington headquarters.

Along with such groups as the National Governors Association, the National Conference of State

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in many cases, the catalyst for this unusual bipartisan collabora-

tion is Mr. Clinton's \$36 billion economic stimulus package, which the administration says will create more than 500,000 jobs for rebuilding highways, airports and other segments of the nation's infrastructure.

The National Association of Counties plans to ask 2,000 county officials this weekend at a legislative conference to blitz the Capitol in support of the president's economic proposals.

The Conference of Mayors plans to go beyond its own membership and work with 50 to 60 civic groups around the country in an attempt to build grass-roots support for the Clinton plan, its officials said.

"It's the first time our organization has endorsed a president's first plan in my 25 years here," said J. Thomas Cochran, executive direc-

tor of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. "I've been directed by our president to drop my regular day-to-day business here and go full out on this."

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Doctors Consider a Pacemaker for Aspin

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Les Aspin's physicians are considering using a pacemaker to deal with his heart ailment, a Pentagon official said Wednesday.

ver, instead of an oral vaccine that had fewer side effects, an official disclosed. The vaccine caused Mr. Aspin to be hospitalized and placed in intensive care in Georgetown University Hospital on Sunday.

schedule on common-sense grounds," Mr. Guidry said. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Mr. Aspin would have to hold a "heart-to-heart" talk with his physicians to decide how to treat his heart condition, which has worsened slightly over the past two years.

Sir Dick White, Top U.K. Spy, Dies

By Eric Pace New York Times Staff Writer

Sir Dick White, the former director general of two British intelligence agencies, MI5 and MI6, died at his home in the Sussex region of southern England, The Associated Press reported Monday. He was 87.

tor to the British cabinet, a function that was said to have been especially created for him. As chief of MI5 and MI6, he was a powerful but little-known figure until his identity was disclosed in 1967 in an article in an American magazine, The Saturday Evening Post.

Sir Dick also learned that Sir Anthony Blunt, a highly placed British expert on art, had been recruited as a young man to spy for the Soviet Union. Sir Anthony later confessed and was stripped of his knighthood.

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India at the Edge

A million Hindu protesters are poised to defy an official ban and pour through the streets of New Delhi toward India's Parliament this Thursday...

The significant financial support it receives from affluent Indians in the United States. It is now the largest opposition party in Parliament...

Against War Crimes

The Security Council has bravely approved an international tribunal on war crimes in the former Yugoslavia. A United Nations first, the initiative is studied with obstacles...

Public policy requires, after all, not perfect consistency but good judgment. It will be hard to get two of the likely leading suspects, President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic...

Industrial Policy?

First there was the uncloak. Then the non-bank. Now, courtesy of Bill Clinton, America has its first nonindustrial policy. Under a real industrial policy — of the type scorned by three successive Republican administrations — the government picks winners by subsidizing selected industries...

private investors in the other direction. The danger is political. Philosopher-kings sitting in an ivory tower might well target subsidies where they produce huge social benefits. But Washington is more likely to direct them to the politically powerful...

Britain: Demoralized, Let Down by Mediocre Elites

By William Pfaff

PARIS — The murder of a 2-year-old child in Liverpool, supposedly by two 10-year-old boys, has produced horror outside as well as inside Britain...

The objective measures of the country's economy and industry show that Britain continues to lag behind the other industrial states, even though improvement and rationalization have taken place.

The failure of both Labor and Tory governments to stop this relative decline is undoubtedly one good reason for confidence in government to have collapsed.



France: A Call to Blast a New Politics Out of the Old Morass

By Jim Hoagland

WASHINGTON — From France comes a serious call for "a political big bang" to spin a new universe out of the country's slowly expiring political parties and their outmoded ideologies.

rights activists and others who have become disillusioned with France's traditional parties on the right and left.

If France does produce a big bang, the echo will be heard around the world.

president. His ambitions are imperiled by popular disgust with the Socialists, who have proved at least as prone to corruption, mismanagement and arrogance as the conservatives they replaced in power in 1981.

France today is a country "where the sentiment of belonging to a class, or a collective movement, is no longer perceived as a reality, where change is effective only if it touches the individual," he says.

The Group of Seven Should Be Paying More Attention to China

By Gerald Segal

LONDON — On the agenda of the G-7 finance ministers of the Group of Seven major industrial countries at their meeting here on Saturday will be how to handle an aspiring eighth member, Russia.

Second, the Russian economy is in virtual free-fall. Opportunities for large-scale, profitable Western investment are severely restricted.

both Moscow and Beijing would help keep conservatives at bay, for the present rulers of both countries are at least committed to economic reform.

Containing Russia Could Become the Task Again

By Brian Beedham

LONDON — The democracies of the Atlantic world may soon have to make a hard decision about Russia. The way things are going in Moscow, the flagging liberalism of Boris Yeltsin may not stay in command of events much longer.

West. The new Russia will be too chip-on-shoulder, or too busy with its own concerns, to be of any help to the democracies in coping with the turbulent end-of-the-century world.

It is not merely for the satisfaction of good-hearted Western liberals that this will need to be done. In pure self-interest, the democracies cannot afford to see a bad-tempered, nationalist post-Yeltsin Russia push its zone of influence back toward the border of Germany.

should have produced the present dismay about society itself, the church, the schools, the unions, law. There is perhaps a connection in that the general dilapidation of the physical circumstances in which people live has a much wider effect upon people's morale and confidence.

moralization" has another meaning, obviously, of a loss not only of morality but of morality, and that is why the Liverpool murder has so distressed people. How can these children have so completely eluded the mechanisms by which society in the past has taught morality and inculcated values? Do those mechanisms even function anymore?

France: A Call to Blast a New Politics Out of the Old Morass

Mr. Rocard did not dwell on the growing list of scandals that involve Socialist leaders or government officials — they range from stock market abuses to the distribution of AIDS-infected blood. But his audience understood his references to the need for "a renaissance that cannot be built on the ruins of our hopes."

is heading toward a factional breakup that many Japanese fear will discredit the country's entire political elite. Each of these political universes has its own reasons for imploding. But there may be a connecting thread that has to do with the winding down of a global struggle that frequently made honesty and efficiency in government a matter of secondary focus.

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in any of these cases, it will no longer make much sense to think of Russia as a natural partner for the

of a Russia that has gone wrong.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Jules Ferry Wins LONDON — The election of M. Jules Ferry, by a large majority, to succeed M. Le Royer as President of the French senate is a political event of very considerable importance.

1918: German Terms LONDON — The following news has been transmitted through the wireless stations of the Russian Government: Germany will renew peace negotiations with Russia upon the following conditions: Germany and Russia to declare the state of war to end. Both nations believe that in the future they will live in peace and friendship. Regions to the west of a

line as indicated at Brest-Litovsk are no more under the territorial protection of Russia. Livonia and Esthonia to be cleared of Russian troops and occupied by German police. Russia to conclude peace with the Ukraine, which, with Finland, will be immediately evacuated by Russian troops and Red Guards.

1943: Pilotless Plane WASHINGTON — [From our New York edition:] Astounded officers told today of an Army transport plane which flew 2,000 miles with no one aboard, finally crashing on a Mexican mountain side. Dubbed a flying Dutchman of the skies today [Feb. 24] by amazed airmen, the plane reversed course and flew by itself to crash in Mexico after the crew and passengers bailed out because tail-flutter vibrations threatened to tear the ship apart in the air over Florida waters. Only the assistant navigator and radio operator are missing from the crew of six.

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OPINION

With Economics, Clinton Hopes to Move Mountains

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton's economic plan is in fact much more than that. It is a blueprint for recasting American politics and changing the terms of the political debate.

His goals are straightforward: to re-energize the image of active government in the minds of American voters, and to make it possible for Democrats to raise taxes again to pay for their programs.

The key insight behind Mr. Clinton's plan is that the budget deficit is not an obstacle to the Democrats' approach but a strategic asset.

Until now, most Democrats have seen the deficit as the equivalent of a Republican plot to make it impossible for them ever to enact new programs.

Mr. Clinton has turned the deficit into a reason for doing what Democrats have long wanted to do: raise taxes on the rich and cut the military budget.

His program temporarily threw the Republicans into turmoil because the president was willing to put so much money on the table, in both spending cuts and higher taxes.

In the past, many Republicans, still loyal to the principles of supply-side economics, were willing to pool-pooch deficit reduction as being far less important than spurring economic growth.

But Republicans are largely irrelevant to the plan's legislative success or failure. Moderate-to-conservative Democrats are crucial, and find themselves in a difficult position.

At the other end of the spectrum, some of the Democratic Party's more liberal constituencies are disappointed at what they see as the modesty of Mr. Clinton's stimulus program and the importance he has accorded deficit reduction.

release his party from fiscal bondage. They are likely to go along with him. Finally, Mr. Clinton will have to deal with his own past promises, including a statement he made shortly before the election that he would not raise middle-class taxes just to pay for his own new programs.

Yet the new spending is as much part of Mr. Clinton's coalition-building approach as deficit cutting. While asking the middle class to accept a modest bill through his energy tax, he is promising to ease middle-class anxieties about health costs and their college tuition.

For the Democrats' core constituency among the poor, especially the working poor, there are a slew of new benefits, especially through the earned-income tax credit. This is moderate social democracy, with an Arkansas accent.

The Washington Post.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Freedom and Stability

Regarding "Here and There: Human Rights Should Be a Common Concern" (Opinion, Feb. 18):

Michael H. Posner of the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights posits a misleadingly simplistic relationship between human rights and development when he argues that economically successful Asian countries like Singapore can no longer justify security measures and should relax controls.

Singapore has never believed that human rights should be traded off for economic success. Repression is wrong and unhealthy. But experience has also convinced us that stability is an imperative for growth and the extension of human rights.

Growth and stability are linked by a subtler dynamic than Mr. Posner recognizes. It is defined by an unremitting search for an equilibrium between the rights of the individual and the no less urgent need for governments to govern effectively and for society to develop.

No balance between liberty and growth can be valid for all countries and for all time. As the West grapples with its own social and moral problems, and tries to reckon with the challenge from Asia, many in the West could do worse than re-examine their own dogmas.

Mr. Posner omits to mention that preventive detention and restrictions on freedom of association, assembly and the press are not necessarily prohibited by international law, including the UN covenants that he says ASEAN should sign.

Of course, as an advocate, it is understandable that he must argue his brief in starkest outline without regard for the nuances of international law or the complexities of governance.

BILAHARI KAUSIKAN, Press Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore.

Slaughter in Syria

Regarding "Souls at Risk in a Dangerous Dance" (Opinion, Jan. 30):

A. M. Rosenthal's claim that "in 1982 Syria slaughtered perhaps 20,000 of its own citizens because fundamentalists killed six policemen" is an oversimplification. The destruction of the city of Hama (which is what I assume Mr. Rosenthal is referring to) and the massacre of many of its residents came about for one primary reason.

President Hafez Assad, a member of the ruling Alawite tribe, saw a Sunni group in Hama, the Muslim Brotherhood, as an annoying thorn in his side. The city had long been a focus point for opposition. President Assad decided to silence that opposition once and for all.

Sealing Hama off, government artillery and aircraft relentlessly bombarded the city. Heavy fighting between government and opposition forces continued for much of February 1982. After the fighting had stopped, the old part of the city (which had been the Muslim Brotherhood's stronghold) was bulldozed flat. There were an estimated 30,000 casualties, although no one will ever be certain of the number.

The Hama massacre was partly about tribal and religious differences. Mainly, however, it was about power.

CHRISTOPHER BEECROFT, Brussels.

Lessons of Munich

Hitler's lessons on how to destroy a nation with international approval are still being successfully applied. After all, his use of complaints about the status of the German minority in Czechoslovakia as a basis for dismantling that country is clearly very similar to the present Serbian policy in Bosnia and elsewhere.

How little the Western powers have learned from the 1938 Munich crisis: Negotiations on Bosnia have been more oriented toward satisfying the aggressors than toward achieving a just peace. In addition, the present European Community pressure on Bosnia to accept the Vance-Owen plan, which would make it a nonentity, shows that Europe does not yet comprehend that giving in to aggressors only whets their appetite for greater demands. These will surely now be forthcoming from the Serbs.

MILJAN PETER ILICH, New York.

War of the Sexes

Regarding "A French Perspective on War of the Sexes" (Back Page, Feb. 15) by Mary Blume:

I can find no use of the word "God" in my copy of the U.S. Constitution, despite Elisabeth Badinter's assertion, but merely the routine "in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred..."

If the United States is really more homophobic than France, then why was France's former prime minister, Edith Cresson, so proud that France — in her opinion — had fewer homosexuals than the United States or Britain?

I think Mrs. Badinter is wrong to state that no one tells a woman to be a woman, while sons are told to be men. Girls have often been told to be "ladylike" and not to be "tomboys."

JOANNE KOHLER, Bad Orb, Germany.

PC = Plain Conformist

Regarding "PC Recipes for the Mother (2) Tongue" (Opinion, Feb. 3):

Political correctness, other than being funny ("fat" comes out "big-boned" and "stupid" is "exceptional") is dangerous. First, it is not factual. Fat is not "big-boned"; fat is fat. Second, PC robs the language of its richness and precision. How sad if Shakespeare, that Dead White European Male, had been PC. Third, it falsely assumes that by policing language you can control people's sentiments, thereby creating a brave new world in which we all love each other.

In any case, as Michiko Kakutani so rightly points out, no brave new world free of racism and hate will come out of this "politically correct" way of speaking. A better way to build that world would be to stop wasting time on these ridiculous euphemisms and tell it like it is. Fox starters: PC is just Plain Conformist.

HARRIET WELTY ROCHEFORT, Neuilly-sur-Seine, France.

In 'Black, Black Woman,' A Tragic Echo of Racism

By Bill Maxwell

GAINESVILLE, Florida — I don't believe that the television talk show host Oprah Winfrey intended to expose the "dirty little secret" of African-American culture when she asked Michael Jackson if he bleached his skin, which has become lighter in recent years. The secret that she uncorked is this: African-Americans discriminate among themselves according to shades of skin color.

Embarrassed in front of millions of viewers, Mr. Jackson dissembled, saying, "There is no such thing as skin bleaching. I've never seen it. I don't know what it is. I have a skin disorder that destroys the pigmentation of the skin. It's something I can't help. It's in my family. My father says it's on his side. I can't control it."

Mr. Jackson further explained that he uses makeup to even his blotched skin tones, and denied rumors that he was trying to make himself look white. Few people, including cosmetic and plastic surgeons, believe him, especially in light of his much-talked-about nips and tucks. Still fewer people believe that Mr. Jackson knows nothing about skin bleachers. Such products have been available for several decades.

Mr. Jackson's veracity or lack of it doesn't bother me. What he does to his face is his business. But I worry that even after the consciousness-raising 1960s and '70s, notions of skin color dominate the African-American psyche and determine people's relative worth.

I care more that we are still trapped in the dilemma of simultaneously loving and hating ourselves for a trait over which we have no natural control.

The dilemma is best seen, for example, when we proudly speak of our African ancestry, wear Kenite products from Ghana, give our children the names of African kings, queens and warriors and celebrate holidays such as Juneteenth, Kwanzaa and Umoja Karamu while we judge one another along color lines.

Because we try to conceal this discrimination and not discuss it, we have become a divided race in which dark-skinned blacks with pronounced Negroid features, especially women, remain the least desired and most neglected and abused among us. Spike Lee's movie "School Daze," about a black college campus, explores the problem by accurately depicting strife between light- and dark-skinned Negroid and serofity members.

To better understand the problem, consider the following scenario: During the Clarence Thomas Senate confirmation hearings, many people, black and white, suggested that if Anita Hill, the judge's accuser, were white, he would not be sitting in Thurgood Mar-

shall's former Supreme Court seat today. I agree. Furthermore, if Ms. Hill were a light-skinned black woman with naturally straight hair and aquiline features, Justice Thomas also would have been rejected, because black reactions would have been far different.

Justice Thomas won confirmation in part, however, because Ms. Hill is what we call a "black, black woman" with pronounced Negroid features. She is not a so-called "redbone," a fair-skinned type. Moreover, to the surprise of many, oomblocks, polls taken both during and after the hearings showed that most African-Americans disbelieved Ms. Hill.

Few observant blacks were surprised by these results. We as a race generally believe that light-skinned blacks are superior to their darker brothers and sisters. We consider them more attractive, more sexually appealing, more intelligent, more honest.

Few said so publicly, but privately many black people were asking: Why would a smart, powerful brother like Justice Thomas want a dark-skinned sister like Ms. Hill? What would he have gained?

The skin-color ethos — one of the most complex aspects of our culture — dictates negative answers to these questions. Justice Thomas had nothing to gain by sexually harassing Ms. Hill.

She, therefore, must have been lying. After all, she is a black, black woman. Most African-Americans believe that she must have "come on" to Justice Thomas, her boss, and was spurned. To get even, she lied and conspired with the judge's liberal white enemies and black civil rights leaders.

If Ms. Hill were a redbone, most black people would have believed her accusations against Justice Thomas. Why? Because the judge, himself a black, black male with heavy Negroid features, would have had good reason to desire Ms. Hill.

Obviously, many readers will consider this column to be in poor taste, especially during Black History Month. Fair enough. But I am writing because I consider discrimination along color lines among African-Americans to be a cancer that prevents us from fulfilling our potential as a people.

As long as we avoid openly discussing the problem, the longer we continue to cripple ourselves. Perhaps Oprah Winfrey's Michael Jackson faux pas is a blessing in disguise.

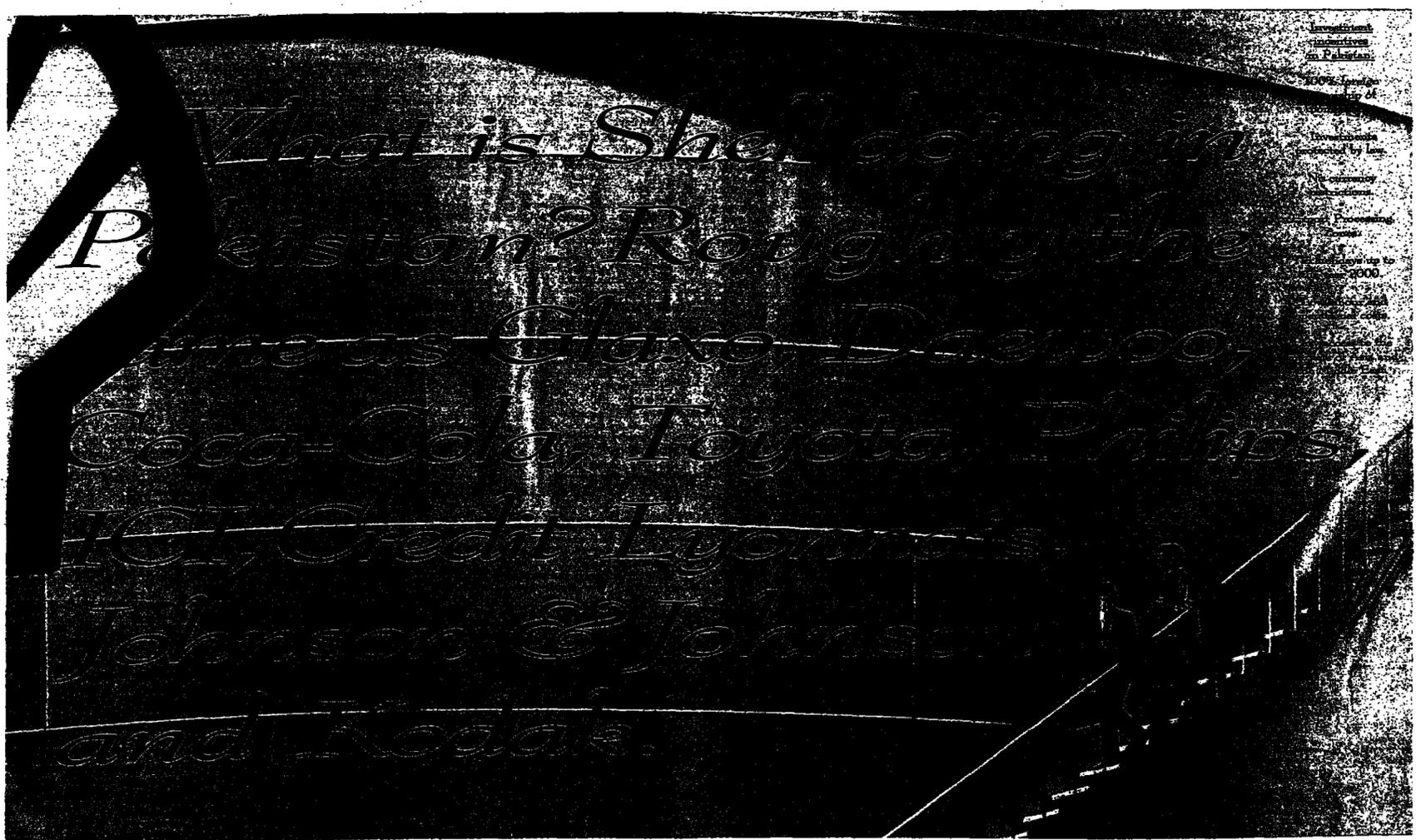
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Sweeping reforms have opened up Pakistan to investors looking for new markets, low costs and high returns on investments. Shell is one of over 200 such MNCs quick to recognise the opportunities. Together with Burmah Oil and Caltex, it has taken a substantial stake in the Pakistan National Refinery. Re-exporters have discovered they can set up in Pakistan's Export Processing Zones with the minimum of red tape. There are clear advantages

with no import and export tariffs, tax holidays up to the year 2000 and direct access to water, power, land, ports and airports. All this in easy proximity to a regional market of over a billion people in the Middle East, China and the former Soviet Central Asian Republics. It is paying off, with exports reporting a dramatic growth of 23%. Plans to upgrade Pakistan's infrastructure are also underway, keeping pace with the dynamic

economic growth of the country which registered a 6.5% rise in GDP in 1990-91. This rise is even more significant when coupled with a population figure of 114 million people, making Pakistan the world's 7th largest domestic market. Certainly, there can be little doubt that Pakistan offers enormous opportunities for manufacturing and service companies looking to capitalise on both domestic and overseas markets.

Opportunities that many of the world's most famous companies, like Shell, have already seized. To find out more, contact the Embassy of Pakistan in your country or the Pakistan Investment Board in Islamabad, Pakistan, fax: 92-51-215654. Pakistan One country. Infinite possibilities.

# India Rounds Up 45,000 Hindu Militants and Seals Capital

By Edward A. Gargan  
New York Times Service

NEW DELHI — More than 45,000 Hindu militants across India have been arrested to prevent a massive demonstration against the government, officials said Wednesday.

Activists have been pulled from trains and buses, as well as from their homes, and police here complained that there was not enough space in the station houses, jails and prisons to house those detained.

For the first time in decades, the center of this city was sealed off from the rest of the country by heavily armed troops and miles of steel pipe and barbed wire barricades in an effort to prevent an enormous demonstration by supporters of India's opposition Hindu political party.

India's main Hindu political party, the Bharatiya Janata Party, said it intended to bring as many as 2 million people to the heart of the capital on Thursday to force the resignation of Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao and his government. The Hindu party insists that Mr. Rao's government has suppressed the aspirations of the country's 730 million

Hindus and has placated the demands of its 110 million Muslims.

For the last two months, India has been battered by waves of sectarian violence that have led to the deaths of more than 3,000 people, most of whom were Muslims. The violence was triggered initially by the destruction of a 16th-century mosque.

Even before Thursday's scheduled demonstrations, Murl Manohar Joshi, the president of the Hindu party, proclaimed that the party had achieved its goals. "We have already accomplished what we wanted to accomplish," said Mr. Joshi in an interview. "We have exposed the government. It is a government in jitters. It has gone berserk."

When asked what the party intended to do in the face of the overwhelming presence of security forces on the streets, Mr. Joshi said, "We will hold rallies, and the government will be repressive."

Mr. Rao, in his first forceful response to the political challenge posed by the Bharatiya Janata Party, has banned the proposed demonstration and has ordered more than 70,000 paramilitary troops into the capital to prevent any protests, or gatherings of more than four people. Tens of thousands of police and paramilitary troops in steel helmets and

batle vests, many armed with automatic weapons, are manning roadblocks on all major roadways, checking identification cards and patrolling the streets.

Cops of barbed concertina wire have been stretched across leaf-shaded boulevards usually threatened by no more than an errant cow. Buses are being diverted from their usual routes and many of New Delhi's citizens have remained home from work, fearing an outbreak of violence between militant Hindu activists and the security forces.

Yet, despite a rigorous series of increasingly tight cordons around and in Delhi, hundreds of thousands of Hindu activists have infiltrated into the capital, hiding in the homes of fellow activists, in temples and in the storefronts of Hindu retail businesses.

At the gateways to the capital, normally densely traveled roads, policemen with long bamboo spears searched buses, stopped trucks and queried occupants of automobiles. As trains chugged into the city's three rail stations, squads of police scrutinized arriving passengers, sometimes grabbing groups of young men they suspected of being supporters of the Hindu party.

An inner cordon, enclosing all major government buildings, including Parliament House, has been established through which no traffic or pedestrians will be permitted, except for residents. At the site of the proposed rally, a huge tent city has been thrown up by paramilitary forces and armed soldiers are stationed every 10 yards along the dramatic two-mile-long boulevard leading from the arch of India Gate to the pillared and domed sandstone government buildings designed by Edwin Lutyens in the 1920s.

Throughout this inner cordon, under virtually every tree and the periphery of every traffic circle, clumps of policemen in padded chest protectors huddled about. Altogether more than 112,000 security forces have been ordered onto the streets of New Delhi.

Rajesh Pilot, the minister of state for home affairs, the government official who is organizing the government's response to the demonstration, said that no protest would be allowed. "We cannot allow rallies organized by communal forces, and the government will fight such forces politically," he said. "We will maintain the law and order situation at any cost."

# Christopher Hopes To Restart Talks Palestinians Say U.S. Ideas Are 'Worth Thinking About'

By David Hoffman  
And John Goshko  
Washington Post Service

JERUSALEM — Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher wound up his first Middle East tour on Wednesday night saying that he had not yet secured a date for resumption of the peace talks, but that he and Israeli officials expressed optimism they had made progress in persuading Palestinian negotiators to return to the bargaining table.

After his third meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in two days, Mr. Christopher told reporters that "all the parties want the negotiations to succeed, they want them to resume and succeed at an early date."

Mr. Christopher acknowledged there were still "obstacles" to resuming the talks. But, he said, if and when they start again, the United States will play a greater role than it has in the past to "facilitate" the bargaining.

Mr. Christopher also met with a small group of Palestinian negotiators, and both he and the Palestinian spokeswoman, Hanan Ashrawi, indicated that efforts were under way to resolve the dispute over the more than 400 suspected Islamic activists whom Israel expelled to southern Lebanon two months ago. Mrs. Ashrawi said the United States had advanced some ideas "worth thinking about."

A senior American official said that each of the Middle East leaders who had met with Mr. Christopher had said they considered resumption of the peace process the paramount issue in the region. The official said Arab leaders had cited

the deportees as a problem that must be dealt with, but they stressed that they regarded this as a matter that could be handled through adroit diplomacy, not as the core issue confronting the parties.

Diplomats in Israel said the United States had submitted proposals to Israel and the Palestinians that could be the basis for the Palestinians to return to the talks. Although details were sketchy and the proposals were still being studied by both sides, the sources said the ideas included the possibility of Israel stating it would not use deportations as a regular policy.

The senior U.S. official declined to comment on whether the United States had made such proposals, but he said that Israel was not being asked to do anything outside the parameters of a U.S.-Israeli agreement calling for the return of 101 of the deportees immediately and the rest by the end of the year.

## PLO Dialogue Ruled Out

Mr. Christopher told Palestinian leaders on Wednesday he regarded the Palestine Liberation Organization as a group with terrorist tendencies, Reuters reported from Jerusalem.

The official, briefing reporters after Mr. Christopher's talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, said President Bill Clinton had no intention of renewing a diplomatic dialogue with the PLO.

"We do not have a dialogue with Mr. Arafat," the official said. "We think the PLO is an organization that is subject to the terrorist label in the sense that it is part of an organization with terrorist tendencies."

## EUROPE: Plan Welcomed

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Federal Army said in Belgrade on Wednesday, warning that it would take unspecified "appropriate steps."

The most likely possible framework for a settlement in Bosnia, the Europeans believe, is the one worked out in January by the UN negotiators, Lord Owen of Britain and former Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance of the United States.

The Clinton administration's special envoy, Reginald Bartholomew, is scheduled to meet with NATO ambassadors in Brussels on Friday to discuss proposed American modifications to the plan. The NATO secretary-general, Manfred Wörner, supported the U.S. plan to air-drop relief supplies to Bosnia and said Wednesday that he hoped it would "contribute to achieving a settlement of the conflict."

What to do if the fighting continues despite all the political, economic, and military measures so far is far from agreed upon within NATO. If U.S. supply planes were shot at over Bosnia, and NATO air traffic control planes coordinated regulatory air strikes by U.S. or other allied planes, Germany, for instance, would immediately be faced with a domestic political crisis.



An elderly man selling his overcoat Wednesday at the market in Sarajevo during a brief cease-fire.

# Major Backs Clinton On Airdrop but Keeps U.K. Forces on Ground

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton said Wednesday that the prospective U.S. airdrop of food in Bosnia would be safe and effective and would not draw the United States into the military conflict.

Prime Minister John Major of Britain said that the airdrop plan was "thoroughly welcome" but that his nation would not join the operation. In the first meeting between the two leaders, Mr. Major said his country was content to help distribute aid on the ground in Bosnia.

Mr. Clinton described the airlift as a purely relief operation and said Serbian warnings that it was the beginning of a greater U.S. military role in the region were groundless.

"It would be a great mistake to view this humanitarian operation as an initial foray to a greater role," he said. "We can do this with quite an effective and safe mission."

Mr. Clinton discussed the airdrop matter even though he had not yet announced officially that the U.S. Air Force would in fact begin such an operation.

White House aides said earlier that Mr. Clinton was taking special care to line up allied support before he gave the go-ahead.

"The consultations aren't over," Mr. Clinton said. "We want everyone to know this is a humanitarian mission."

"We want the broadest possible support for this," he said, adding that "this is not a political issue with us."

The president said that the Pentagon plans would "minimize risk to our folks" by having U.S. planes fly above the range of anti-aircraft fire. He acknowledged that dropping supplies from high altitudes would cause some to drift off target, but he predicted that the operation would succeed.

For his part, Mr. Major endorsed what he called a "twin-track" approach with British, French and other troops helping deliver relief supplies on the ground in Bosnia while U.S. air-drops food and supplies to starving Bosnians in areas where ground deliveries are difficult or impossible.

Mr. Clinton said that he thought Britain had already done its part, with more than 2,000 troops supporting relief operations on the ground, and that no more was expected of London.

Both leaders also called on the Bosnians to reject peace talks.

"The United States feels very strongly that this agreement is just that, an agreement," Mr. Clinton said. "It must not be shoved down the throats of the Bosnians if it is going to work."

Both leaders also expressed their support for the Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin.

Mr. Clinton said that he hoped

for a meeting with Mr. Yeltsin "very soon," although no date had been set. The president said he believed Mr. Yeltsin could withstand the political challenges from conservatives in Moscow.

"I know he's having some trouble with his Congress," Mr. Clinton said.

Mr. Clinton and Mr. Major said a major focus of their White House meeting was the subject of the stalled global trade talks. Mr. Major said they had a "meeting of the minds" on the need to reach a trade agreement that would spur global economic growth.

(Reuters, AP)

# Airdrop a Provocation, Yugoslav Army Says

By Chuck Sudetic  
New York Times Service

BELGRADE — In a sharply worded statement, the Yugoslav Army's high command warned the United States on Wednesday that aid airdrops into besieged Muslim-Slav enclaves in Bosnia-Herzegovina would amount to a provocative act that might spark a Balkan war.

The statement came just hours after the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, said he would guarantee the security of the proposed airdrop despite his objection to the operation.

"Although I think that this is a very, very bad decision, the Serbs will never shoot at an American or any other foreign aircraft," Mr. Karadzic said.

Militiamen participating in the Serbian division of Bosnia-Herzegovina have for months blocked UN refugee-relief convoys from delivering aid to as many as 200,000 people in five besieged Muslim-Slav enclaves in the eastern part of the country.

The Yugoslav Army statement called the proposal for an airdrop of aid into eastern Bosnia "exclusively damaging" to Serbian civilians because it selectively favors delivering aid to the Serbs' Muslim Slav enemies.

The Yugoslav Army called the proposal an irrational and dangerous misuse of a humanitarian mission to interfere directly in the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

## BOSNIA: Russia May Join Forces

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should have been impounded. There have also been complaints that the low-paid Russian soldiers are trying to make money on their living expenses.

Historically and culturally, Russians feel closer to the Serbs and Montenegrins than any of the other parties in the conflict. They share the Orthodox religion and the Cyrillic script. Russian television reported last weekend that several hundred Russian volunteers were fighting alongside Serbian forces in Bosnia against the Muslims.

Russian nationalists have accused the Foreign Ministry under Mr. Kozirev of blindly following policies worked out in Washington. They contend that Russian support for Western sanctions against countries such as Yugoslavia, Iraq and Libya has cost the Kremlin around \$16 billion in lucrative contracts.

Mr. Kozirev has rejected these assertions, arguing that many of Moscow's traditional clients are now insolvent. At the same time, he is attempting to persuade Western governments to help Russian arms makers to break into markets that have traditionally been dominated by Western suppliers.

After a dramatic slump in arms sales last year, the Russian government is making a major effort to sell weapons to the conservative Arab sheikhdoms in the Gulf. Ear-

## A British Ultimatum On Hong Kong Talks

By Daniela Deane  
Washington Post Service

HONG KONG — Britain issued a thinly veiled ultimatum to China on Wednesday: Either schedule talks on Governor Chris Patten's democracy proposals for Hong Kong or the colonial government will push ahead with political change.

Answering questions in the colony's Legislative Council, the secretary for constitutional affairs, Michael Sze, said that the "current uncertain situation cannot be allowed to continue for much longer" if a decision on talks cannot be reached "imminently."

Government sources said Mr. Patten's bill, which seeks to broaden Hong Kong's electoral base, would be published Friday if Beijing did not state a specific date for the opening of formal talks. Once the bill is published, it goes to the colony's Legislative Council for debate and ultimately a vote.

Mr. Sze acknowledged that diplomatic contacts between the British and Chinese governments have been going on during the last few weeks in an attempt to get talks started.

Government sources said the Chinese had recently shown a willingness to talk about the proposals, prompting the government to defer publication of the bill for the past two weeks while diplomatic contacts were continuing. They said, however, that the Chinese had so far refused to settle on a date for the formal talks.

Mr. Patten has repeatedly said that his bill would go to the Legislative Council by the end of February. Mr. Sze told the Council that "there would have to be a very good reason" for delaying publication of the bill any further.

Mr. Patten said it was an "administrative imperative" that the bill be published this week. The government wants the council to debate and vote on the proposals before breaking up for the summer session.

Experts predict that hundreds of amendments to the bill could be proposed and debated before the final vote.

"Sooner or later, we have to deal with these issues," he said. Mr. Patten unveiled his proposals in his maiden policy address in October.

## WEAPONS: Chinese Program

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the suspected Chinese germ weapons program from unclassified versions of an annual report on arms proliferation that the intelligence community prepared for Congress.

Only last month did the intelligence report, which is required by law, state for the first time in an unclassified passage that "it is highly probable that China has not eliminated" its biological warfare program since agreeing to do so in 1984. Mr. Bush approved the little-noticed report on Jan. 19, his final full day in office, before sending it to the House and Senate committees on foreign affairs.

The White House deleted this conclusion about China's activities — a conclusion representing a consensus of all relevant U.S. agencies — from both classified and unclassified versions of the report in 1991 and 1992, the officials said, causing some intelligence analysts to accuse the White House privately of political censorship.

The White House "was concerned about the foreign policy sensitivity of revealing this information" during congressional debates about maintaining U.S.-Chinese relations and renewing most-favored-nation trade status for China, said a senior intelligence of-

ficer who participated in discussions on the matter. The official said that the intelligence suspicions were publicized this year "only because those who were concerned about China policy took their fingers off" the report.

The intelligence community's latest report to Congress also contains a statement that "the United States has continuing concern" that China is helping Pakistan's nuclear weapons program, despite Beijing's promise last year to abide by the international Non-Proliferation Treaty barring such assistance.

U.S. officials, speaking on condition that they not be named, explained that intelligence agencies have determined that Chinese nuclear weapons scientists recently visited Pakistan's main nuclear research center and that some Pakistani weapons scientists recently had visited China.

China also has continued to provide Pakistan with various equipment needed to manufacture nuclear weapons and make fissile materials, the officials said. Senior Pakistani officials have denied receiving any Chinese assistance and said last year they would not assemble any nuclear weapons, make any more fissile material or export any nuclear weapons technology.

## CANADA: Mulroney to Step Down as Prime Minister

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think, of having chosen to evade our responsibilities by sidestepping the most controversial issues of our time."

Given the prime minister's vulnerability, Mr. Chrétien and the New Democratic leader, Audrey McLaughlin, had hoped to run against him. Mr. Chrétien has promised to abolish the goods-and-services tax, though he has not said how he would make up for the revenue that would be lost, and he wants changes in the free-trade agreement that parallel those sought by President Bill Clinton.

Whether Mr. Chrétien, 57, can sail into office this fall, as current polls suggest he will, may depend heavily on whom the Tories choose to succeed Mr. Mulroney.

The four leading contenders are Defense Minister Kim Campbell; Michael Wilson, the minister of international trade; Fernia Beatty, the communications minister; and Jean Charest, the minister of environmental affairs. All are members of Parliament.

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Wilson are the more senior of the four. Mr. Campbell, a former justice minis-

ter, is considered a formidable public figure, skilled at using the media and able to provide the sharpest contrast to both Mr. Mulroney and Mr. Chrétien. Mr. Wilson, a former finance minister, is closely identified with both the goods-and-services tax and the free-trade agreement, but he probably has the closest ties with the party members who will make the choice.

Mr. Charest and Mr. Beatty have strong regional support — Mr. Beatty in Ontario, which is by far Canada's largest and wealthiest province, and Mr. Charest in French-speaking Quebec.

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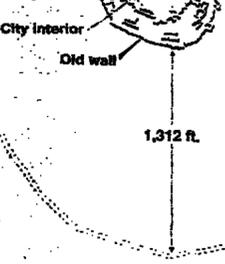
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HEALTH / SCIENCE

New City Limits Of Ancient Troy

Mapping based on fluctuations in the earth's magnetic field indicates buried structures beyond the known walls of Troy. An outer wall, six to 10 feet beneath the surface and as much as 14 feet thick, apparently protected the general population of Troy.



Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica; Dr. Manfred Korfmann/University of Tübingen



Lid from a jar found inside Trojan walls discovered last summer by archaeologists. The jar is from a period that began about 2,000 B.C.

New Pieces to the Puzzle of Troy

By John Noble Wilford

NEW YORK — The rich businessman and gifted amateur archaeologist Heinrich Schliemann believed implicitly Homer's epic of the Trojan War. It was as real to him as were Achilles and Hector, Paris and the beautiful Helen. So was Troy, site of the bitter siege, which the German archaeologist set out more than 120 years ago to find on the Aegean coast of Turkey.

compassed a much larger, more imposing Bronze Age city of the 13th century B.C. This was the time of the supposed events immortalized in the Iliad and the Odyssey, folk tales recorded five centuries later and attributed to a blind poet known as Homer, whose own historical standing is also a matter of continuing dispute.

devastating fire, which was the fate of Homer's Troy. The presence of certain artifacts, like spear points, could determine whether Troy was destroyed by war or perhaps, as has been suggested, an earthquake.

Can't Stop Smoking? Then Cut Some Risks

NEW YORK — Given the evidence for the ill effects of cigarette smoking on health and appearance and a social climate that all but ostracizes smokers, it is difficult for nonsmokers to understand why anyone continues to smoke. But cigarettes still have a stranglehold on millions of people, many of whom think they cannot quit or have no desire to try.

ches to coronary arteries and can fortify cells against cancer-causing assaults. The major dietary antioxidants are vitamins C and E, beta-carotene and other carotenoids; to some extent, the trace element selenium; and omega-3 fatty acids.

tables like broccoli and spinach and many deep yellow and orange vegetables and fruits like carrots, sweet potatoes, cantaloupe and mango. Again, a daily 25-milligram supplement may give added protection.

IN BRIEF

Radio Telescope Picks Out A Pulsar 'Close' to Earth
NEW YORK (NYT) — Using a radio telescope the size of a football field, scientists have identified a star emitting pulses of radio waves 400 light-years from Earth as the closest pulsar ever found, according to a study published in the journal Nature.

The newly discovered pulsar is about 100 times as far from Earth as some visible stars. It was found using a radiotelescope generally employed to track spacecraft and named PSR 10437-4715.

Center, radiologist Phyllis J. Kornguth and her colleagues found they could reduce discomfort by giving women the chance to control compression themselves. In the study, women were allowed to control compression of one breast with a hand-held button. Compression of the other breast was controlled by a technician.

Baldness: A Link to Heart Risk?

By Lawrence K. Altman

NEW YORK — Younger men with bald spots on top of their heads may have reason to protect their hearts as well as cover their scalps. In a study of men under 55, a bald patch in that position, a condition known as vertex baldness, was found to be correlated with a slight but definite increase in the risk of heart attack, according to a study reported Wednesday in The Journal of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Samuel M. Lesko, the lead author of the study, said in an interview that the risk of developing heart disease for men with severe vertex baldness was slightly lower than the risks for smoking and untreated high blood pressure.

Boston team studied 1,437 men from 21 to 54 years old who were treated at 35 hospitals in eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The researchers studied 665 patients who had no history of heart disease and who had been hospitalized for a first heart attack. Each week the researchers contacted the coronary care units of the 35 hospitals and the doctors responsible for the care of the patients.

Don't Panic as You Read This Page

(Continued from page 1) television get little or no exercise and eat fattier foods, both of which can increase their coronary risk.

Establishing cause and effect is often a scientific challenge when studying people, since it is unethical to expose a group of people to a suspected hazard deliberately to see if it indeed harms them. Also, it can take decades of study for the hazard to be unequivocally established.

radical changes based on a single study. Scientific research demands replication by independent researchers. Since findings, even when "statistically significant," can arise by chance alone. When an association is repeatedly and consistently found in well-designed studies, like the link between smoking and cancer, then there is reason to believe it.

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# AMEX

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120	110	IBM	2.00	4.0	15	120	110	115
100	90	Microsoft	0.00	0	20	100	90	95
80	70	Apple	0.00	0	15	80	70	75
60	50	Oracle	0.00	0	10	60	50	55
40	30	Amazon	0.00	0	5	40	30	35
20	15	Google	0.00	0	3	20	15	18
10	8	Yahoo	0.00	0	2	10	8	9

## PLOT: No Proof of U.S.-Led Attack on Franc

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action was during the September crisis. Daily in-and-out trading that did not result in a change in banks' balance sheets also would not be captured by this report.

The data give no clue as to the nationality of the customers for whom the banks were doing business. But for the charges of an American-inspired cabal against Europe to be substantiated, U.S.-based companies in Europe, operating via European banks, would have to have been the driving force behind that business.

Citing tensions in European foreign-exchange markets and an "unprecedented volume of cross-border movement of funds" associated with them, the report said that the external assets of banks in Europe showed the largest quarterly expansion for 10 years, a rise of some \$203 billion.

"Strong growth was recorded by banks in the United Kingdom (\$61 billion), the Benelux countries (\$51 billion), France (\$39 billion), Switzerland (\$16 billion) and Spain (\$15 billion), primarily as a result of movements of funds between domestic currency markets and the corresponding Euro-sectors," the report said.

Banks in these centers also include the local operations of U.S. banks.

However, "when third-quarter developments are considered from the point of view of the nationality of banks," the report noted that the largest movements "were recorded by French banks (\$103 billion), German banks (\$83 bil-

lion) and banks from the Benelux countries (\$57 billion)."  
During the period covered by the report, the Italian lira was devalued and then withdrew from the Community's exchange-rate mechanism following the decision of the British government to let the pound float independently on Sept. 16.

Speculation intensified up to and following the French referendum on the Maastricht treaty Sept. 20. The narrow vote approving the move toward European monetary union triggered a fresh attack on the franc on Sept. 21, which lasted 15 days.

Writing in the newspaper *Le Monde* in January, Prime Minister Pierre Berégovoy of France said that "America is wary of a Europe which could dispute its preeminence in the coming century."

Raymond Barre, a former prime minister and a leading member of the opposition, which is expected to win next month's legislative elections, has also spoken publicly about "Anglo-Saxon financial institutions unwilling to see the creation of a European currency which could rival the dollar."

The BIS also reported a jump of \$3 billion in hard-currency deposits with Western banks from the former Soviet Union — and this at a time when loans to the area are increasing because the country cannot afford to service existing debt. The conclusion is that deposits, which are up \$3.9 billion for the year ending in September, represent capital exports by enterprises within the country.

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150	140	AT&T	0.50	3.0	12	150	140	145
130	120	Verizon	0.40	3.0	12	130	120	125
110	100	WorldCom	0.30	3.0	12	110	100	105
90	80	Sprint	0.20	3.0	12	90	80	85
70	60	Qwest	0.10	3.0	12	70	60	65

12 Month High	12 Month Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE Ratio	High	Low	Last Close
180	170	Bank of America	0.60	3.0	12	180	170	175
160	150	Wells Fargo	0.50	3.0	12	160	150	155
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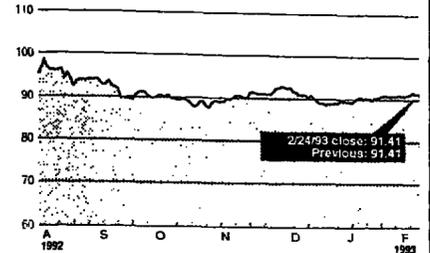
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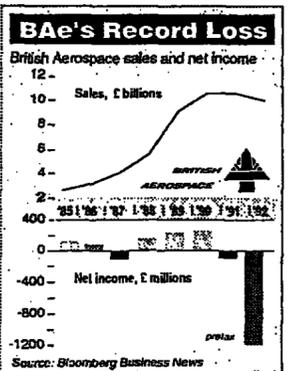
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MARKET DIARY

Drugs and Tobacco Stimulate Market

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The Dow Jones industrial average closed 33.23 points higher at 3,356.50, Philip Morris Co., and American Telephone & Telegraph Co. led the advance.

Philip Morris rose 2 1/2 at 66 1/2, rebounding from a recent slump caused by concern that the administration may propose higher excise taxes on cigarettes and beer to help finance health-care reform.

A T&T rose 1 1/2 to 56 1/2 after news of an agreement to build a telecommunications infrastructure and develop products for Taiwan.

Broader market averages rose more sharply than the Dow industrials. Standard & Poor's 500 index soared 6.06 to 440.80.



Advancing common stocks topped declines by about 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was brisk, with about 299 million shares changing hands on the Big Board.

Stocks across the health-care industry, from drugs and biotechnology companies to medical-supply providers and health-maintenance organizations, continued to rebound from their recent plunge.

The Standard & Poor's 500 group of six leading drug stocks had slumped 25 percent in the past three months.

The drop was triggered by concern about President Bill Clinton's proposals to curb drug prices and limit tax breaks for companies like drug makers that manufacture in Puerto Rico as part of his deficit-cutting package.

Merck & Co. rose 1/2 to 38 1/2, Pfizer Inc. gained 1/2 to 57 1/2, and U.S. Healthcare Inc. rose 4 to 44 1/2.

Treasury bonds fell for the first time in six sessions amid slack demand for new five-year notes. The yield on the 30-year bond rose 6 basis points to 6.88 percent.

Even so, investors have few alternatives but stocks since yields are still near record lows, traders said. "With Treasury bond yields at the lowest level in 16 years, it's no wonder the stock market is higher," said Edward Collins, head trader at Daiwa Securities America.

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The Canadian dollar and Spanish peseta also were under pressure, with domestic issues contributing to weakness in several currencies.

The pound fell to 2.3175 DM from 2.2757 on Tuesday. David Cooker, currency analyst at Chemical Bank, said the fall was based on the U.K.'s market conviction that the Bank of England will have to raise the reserve rate to 10 percent.

Last autumn, Britain removed the pound from the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System and cut interest rates to near zero.

Italy subsequently withdrew from the ERM, and the lira has been weak since. On Wednesday, the mark rose to a record 986.50 lire before closing at 984.50, up from 973.75 on Tuesday.

Concern is growing that the government may fail because of a bribery scandal. Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's plan to resign dented the Canadian dollar, raising doubts about the future of the Conservative Party's rule.

But it ended above its lowest levels of the day in London on the idea that his move might help the party. The U.S. dollar rose to 1.2619 Canadian dollars from 1.2567 on Tuesday.

The mark's strength caused problems for the Spanish peseta, which was devalued as a result of the recent European currency turmoil.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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Matsushita Considers Cutbacks

By Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — The president of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. said Wednesday that he was studying a plan to restructure the company that included staff reductions, joining the ranks of troubled Japanese companies.

Yoshi Morishita, who succeeded Akio Tani as the new head of the household electric conglomerate Tuesday, said that his initial challenge involved slicing the fat from the company.

"I want to make the company more muscular within 1993," Mr. Morishita said at a news conference. He said "there may be some" personnel cuts, but not "anything major."

Mr. Morishita also said that in the short term the company would place the biggest emphasis on the domestic market. In the long term, he said, tapping the vast Chinese market would be a major challenge.

The domestic press has speculated that Mr. Tani was forced out, noting the strange timing of the resignation — nearly a year after he and the chairman, Masaharu Matsushita, took pay cuts and a vice president resigned over a financial scandal. "I repeat that the decision to resign was mine," Mr. Tani said. "As the person involved in this I should know."

After the news conference, the Kyoto news agency quoted sources as saying the chairman, son of the company's founder, Konosuke Matsushita, had pressed for Mr. Tani's resignation, because of a combination of the financial scandal, the company's earnings slump and a recent incident involving defective refrigerators.

"Effectively it was close to dismissal," the agency said. (A.F.X. Reuters)

Malaysians Place Bets On Subic Bay Casino

By Our Staff From Dispatches KUALA LUMPUR — Plans by the Malaysian casino king, Lim Gob Tong, to extend his Midas touch to the Philippines with a resort day by investor.

Mr. Lim's Resorts World Bhd., which is 51 percent owned by Lim's main vehicle, Genting Bhd., and Metroplex Bhd., which is controlled by his daughter and son-in-law, said they and other parties would develop and operate a resort with casinos in the Subic Special Economic Zone at Subic Bay, the former U.S. naval base. Mr. Lim operates Malaysia's sole casino, which is highly profitable and located outside Kuala Lumpur.

The Kuala Lumpur stock market, which reacts quickly to talk of overseas gambling ventures, neared record volume on the news. Metroplex gained 56 sen to 1.75 ringgit (66.6 U.S. cents) in very active trading of 50.310 million shares. Resorts jumped 15 sen to 7.50, while Genting was up 10 sen to 14.80.

The Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange's composite index only gained 1.94 points to 634.22 because of continuing weakness in blue-chip stocks. The industrials index rose 4.46 points to 1,140.25. "Overseas gaming opportunity is definitely the hot theme," said Greg Miller, investment analyst with Pesaka Jardine Fleming.

"Anything to do with gaming always adds value to a stock," said Paul Chan, research manager at OCBC Securities. "But the information available so far is too sketchy to determine just how much added value there will be."

The venture will build a 400-room, five-star hotel, an 18-hole golf course, casinos and resort facilities costing about \$100 million. Audrey Ho, senior analyst with Ong & Co., said Metroplex did better than its blue-chip partners because "for Metroplex, as a percentage of earnings, the casino will be very high for them. In the case of Resorts and Genting, it is a drop in the ocean."

Many analysts, however, said investors had gotten carried away with Metroplex, pointing out that earnings from the casino were uncertain and would not come before 1994. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

AT&T Signs 2d Asian Accord

By Our Staff From Dispatches TAIPEI — One day after signing a broad cooperation agreement with Chinese authorities in Beijing, Metroplex gained 56 sen to 1.75 ringgit (66.6 U.S. cents) in very active trading of 50.310 million shares. Resorts jumped 15 sen to 7.50, while Genting was up 10 sen to 14.80.

The accord calls for creation of joint-venture companies to transfer technology from AT&T to Taiwan, build telecommunications infrastructure and develop products for the Taiwan market.

A letter of intent was signed by representatives of AT&T and Taiwan's Ministry of Economic Affairs. AT&T on Tuesday signed a memorandum of understanding with Beijing's State Planning Commission to help develop China's rapidly growing telecommunications industry.

In that deal, which could be worth billions of dollars over the next few years, Beijing agreed to discuss buying switching and transmission systems, cellular telephones, and business phones and computer networks.

The Cold War, however, still looms over the deal. (Bloomberg, N.Y.T)

Yen and Recession Squeeze Canon

By Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — Canon Inc. said Wednesday that its 1992 profit tumbled more than 31 percent as sales slumped in Europe and Japan and the rise of the yen began to bite into its earnings.

Canon said net income fell to 35.90 billion yen (\$307.9 million), down 10 percent from 52.16 billion yen in 1991. Its sales edged up 2.1 percent, to 1.91 trillion yen, and it forecast weak profit growth this year. Although the company is the biggest camera maker in Japan, its main business is office machinery, which accounted for more than 80 percent of sales last year.

COCOM, the 17-nation Western trade organization that polices high-technology exports, limits the kind of telecommunications equipment that China can buy. When AT&T gets down to negotiating a specific deal on fiber-optic transmission lines, for example, it may find that it can supply only a line that carries 1,500 simultaneous conversations, a 10-year-old technology that AT&T is about to phase out of production. Export to China of the more modern cable, for 8,000 conversations, is illegal.

Still, the agreement represents a significant advance for AT&T, which despite its \$64 billion in revenue last year, has relatively little foreign revenue except from its NCR computer subsidiary.

For China, the agreement promises a major technological jump-start to an already fast-growing economy. AT&T has also agreed to make computer-switching equipment and integrated circuits in China, combine corporate telephone systems and computer networks, and provide services like voice mail and toll-free numbers.

Canon's results were hit particularly hard by the yen's 6 percent appreciation against the dollar last year, according to Ken Segawa, an analyst with Lehman Brothers Japan Inc.

"Canon tried to raise its export prices," said Mr. Segawa, "but its overseas subsidiaries weren't able to pass along those increases." (A.P. Bloomberg, A.F.X. Reuters)

Investor's Asia

Table with columns for Hang Seng, Singapore Straits Times, Tokyo Nikkei 225, Exchange Index, and various market data for Hong Kong, Singapore, Sydney, Tokyo, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Seoul, Taipei, Manila, Jakarta, New Zealand, and Bombay.

Very briefly:

- Taiwan Aerospace said it was willing to consider a joint venture with Deutsche Aerospace, a unit of Daimler-Benz AG, but had no immediate plans for talks on cooperation.
Taiwan's finance minister, Pai Pei-ying, said he would not remain in office after a cabinet reshuffle later this week and would return to the International Commercial Bank of China.
Mitsubishi Ltd., the department-store chain, said it would post a loss of about 2.5 billion yen (\$20.8 million) for the financial year that ends Feb. 28, compared with a year-earlier profit of 1.8 billion yen.
Moody's Investors Service Inc. said it was considering downgrading three Japanese steelmakers — Kawasaki Steel Corp., Sumitomo Metal Industries Ltd. and NKK Corp. — due to difficult operating conditions.
Sega Enterprises Ltd. said it would make a one-for-five share split in the year ending March 31.
Bombay's wholesale traders and commodities and bullion dealers went on strike to protest against new duties imposed by municipal authorities.

Japan's FTC Seeks Antitrust Charges

By Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — Japan's Fair Trade Commission said Wednesday it had asked prosecutors to file charges against four printing companies, including Dai Nippon Printing Co., for alleged bid-rigging.

The other three companies are Hitachi Information Systems Ltd., Kobayashi Kirokushi Co., and Toppan Moore Co., a unit of Toppan Printing Co., the FTC said in a statement.

The FTC said the four companies had allegedly violated the Anti-Monopoly Law by fixing prices on

codified deals that the Social Insurance Agency puts on postcard notifications of pension payments. The four allowed one among them to win the contract, with the winner giving subcontracts to the others, in late April 1992 at a Tokyo branch of Kobayashi Kirokushi, the statement said.

"It is regrettable the Fair Trade Commission sought charges against us," Toppan Moore said. "We are taking this matter very seriously and will not make such a move again." Officials at the other three companies were not available for comment.

Toyota Issue Is Rated Aaa

By Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — Moody's Investors Service assigned an Aaa rating Wednesday to Toyota Motor Corp.'s \$1.5 billion, 5.625 percent Eurobond due 1998.

The five-year issue is the largest fixed-rate corporate offering ever made in the Eurobond market. Moody's based its rating on Toyota's strong and sustainable business position in the global auto industry. Moody's also noted that it expected Toyota to maintain its strong financial condition despite current earnings pressures. Standard & Poor's also assigned its AAA rating to the Toyota issue. (Bloomberg, A.F.X.)

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# SPORTS TENNIS

## Indiana's Perfect Run Spoiled by Ohio State

*The Associated Press*  
Not even a great play by Bob Knight could save No. 1 Indiana this time.  
The Hoosiers' hopes of a perfect season in the Big Ten Conference ended Tuesday night with an 81-77 loss in overtime at Ohio State.  
Indiana (24-3, 13-1) had won 13 in a row, including an escape in double overtime earlier this month at Penn State. And the Hoosiers had been the last team to go undefeated in the Big Ten, doing it in consecutive seasons in 1975 and 1976.  
Knight almost saved the Hoosiers after Jamie Skelton's 3-point shot with three seconds left in regulation put Ohio State (13-10, 6-8) ahead, 71-70.  
With two seconds remaining, Knight set up an inbound play designed to draw a foul. The coach's plan worked when, on a length-of-the-court pass, Ohio State's Derek Anderson ran over a pick set by Chris Reynolds.  
But Reynolds missed his first free throw and made the second one, sending the game into overtime.  
"Bobby Knight — look what he did," Skelton said. "He set up a great play and got them to the free-throw line."  
Skelton, who finished with 22 points, hit another 3-pointer, this time with 40 seconds left in the extra session, to break a 77-77 tie. After Indiana's Brian Evans missed a 3-point try, former Hoosier player Lawrence Funderburke added a foul shot.  
Ohio State, which trailed by 13 points early in the second half, won for the third straight time against a No. 1 team. The Buckeyes beat Iowa in 1987 and Indiana in 1983 in their last two meetings with top-ranked clubs.  
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Ohio State's coach, Randy Ayers. "They've been through a lot of adversity. This one was for them. They deserved to have a good win over a quality team."  
Greg Graham had 21 points for Indiana and Calbert Cheaney had 12. The Hoosiers played their second game without starting forward Alan Henderson, who is out indefinitely with an injured right knee.  
Funderburke and Greg Simpson each had 12 points for Ohio State.  
"We made enough plays to win," Knight said. "We made a lot of great plays, but we made some bad plays, too."  
He added: "The team that makes the plays deserves to win, and I think that's what happened tonight."

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
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Tracy Austin: The old hop on service returns, the old radar-guided lobs to the baseline.

## Not Ready to Be a Legend, Austin Wins a First Match

*By Tom Friend*  
*New York Times Service*  
INDIAN WELLS, California — All Tracy Austin had to do was rummage through her parents' attic. Next to her Bee Gees albums are her wooden Jack Kramer-Autograph racquets.  
"Still got them," her father, George, said. "They're getting warped. Another 80 years, and they'll be relics. But I don't throw anything away anymore ever since my mom threw out my baseball cards. I had a Jimmie Fox, you know."  
Tracy had two choices: Fetch the Kramers and straighten them out in a team's press, or pick out something graphite. Graphite won. And Tuesday, in a comeback dissimilar to Bjorn Borg's, Austin won.  
"People called Borg a fool when he returned with his wood racquet," said Austin's coach, Robert Lansdorf. "Hopefully, they won't say the same of Tracy."  
Using a Dunlop midsize, Austin defeated Rennae Stubbs — ranked 114th in the world — 7-5, 6-4, in the first round of the Matrix Essentials/Ever Cup. Stubbs could easily be confused with Gabriela Sabatini if she put more balls in play. But she rarely displayed any semblance of patience, and Austin is certainly not a player to be erratic against.  
Austin is 30 now, is in the Hall of Fame, has a wedding set for April 17 and hasn't played the tour regularly since early 1983. There should have been an Austin Cup tournament before an Ever Cup, because Austin retired before an Ever Cup, perhaps out of sheer boredom, here she is again.  
"She plans on playing the Lipton in a couple weeks," Lansdorf said.  
And next, in this tournament, she faces the second-seeded Katerina Maleeva.  
Borg was a flop in his return against Jordi Arrese — when he inexplicably used his old wooden Donny — and the public must have been similarly suspicious of Austin, because the

crowd was sparse. Austin's same old traveling party — circa 1980 — issued the loudest ovation. Lansdorf used his two thumbs to emit an elongated whistle.  
Austin was trim, wore a long pony tail through her cap and hid whatever physical pain there might have been. Her knee was crushed in an automobile accident in 1989, the sciatica that caused her initial retirement can always resurface, and she was wearing an elbow brace. But she moved with dexterity and took quick hops before service returns like she always did. Her ground strokes were still mechanically placed and her lobs touched the baseline as if aided by radar.  
"She said she has come back 'for the love of the game,' but her mother, Jeanie, recited a different tale.  
"It's real gutsy for her to do this," Jeanie Austin said. "But she's already in the Hall of Fame, and I think that got to her. She went to a legend tournament to play Virginia Wade, and she said to me, 'Mom, I don't feel like a legend.' She figured, 'I'm too young for this stuff.'"  
She has done television broadcasts, commercial work and does not seem to be coming back just for the paychecks.  
"Haven't seen her bank account," Lansdorf said, "but I don't think she needs the money."  
Lansdorf has coached her since she was 7, so naturally she has invited him back. Elliot Teltscher, the former touring pro, is also part of the technical team, and Austin has been working out two hours a day the last three weeks. Afterward, she spends half her afternoon visiting the physical therapist.  
"She has tried comebacks before — as recently as four years ago — but there is always some calamity awaiting. Once, in a restaurant, a waitress spilled boiling water on her. 'If Tracy walks by two seconds later, it doesn't happen,' her mother recalled. "Maybe it's fate."  
The auto accident was more morose. Austin was leaving her hotel in 1989 for a Team Tennis match in New Jersey, but her car collided with an auto in a high-speed crash. "If it hit her two feet closer, she may not have survived," said her mother, pausing and then breaking into tears.  
It was simply an emotional day, considering that Austin's career has been on hold all this time. At 16, she won the U.S. Open, dropped her dad and brother off at La Guardia Airport and then got lost with her mom driving on Long Island. "We got hungry, so we ended up eating at McDonald's to celebrate her victory," Jeanie said. "How do you like that?"  
Now, she eats health food, as most everyone else on the tour does. It is a radically different era, where 18-year-olds slam 150 mph serves and wear wraparound sunglasses on the court.  
"Chris Evert used to say Tracy hit the hardest ball on the tour," Jeanie said. "But now with these big racquets, everyone does."  
Jeanie hardly knew any of the players here. Then, when someone whispered that Ros Fairbank was working on center court, she rushed to see the familiar face. "It's been so long," she said.  
**Virginia Slims to Drop Tour**  
Kraft General Foods and its corporate cousin, Virginia Slims, announced Tuesday that they will not renew their sponsorship agreements with the tour when both contracts expire at the end of 1994. The Associated Press reported.  
Kraft, a division of Philip Morris USA, has been the tour sponsor since 1990; Virginia Slims, a Philip Morris cigarette brand, has been involved in women's tennis for more than 20 years.  
Kraft's director of event marketing, Tom Keim, said the company's decision was based, in part, on economic reasons.  
Pete Sampras sought a second opinion on his injured right ankle Tuesday and his agent said Sampras may not have a stress fracture after all but less serious ligament damage.  
Ivan Blumberg of ProServ said doctors have prescribed immobilization and rest, and that it is "likely he will take a couple of weeks off." (LAT)

## Barkley and Suns Outshine Spurs, 105-103, End San Antonio's Streak

*The Associated Press*  
The NBA All-Star Game break is over, but the stars are continuing to shine.  
Charles Barkley and David Robinson had a showdown in San Antonio, where the Suns ended the Spurs' 15-game home winning streak with a 105-103 victory Tuesday night.  
Barkley had 29 points and 12 rebounds for the Suns, while Robinson got 35 points and 11 boards for the Spurs.  
"He did a good job on me. David gives me all kinds of problems," Barkley said.  
"That's a nice compliment coming from Charles," Robinson responded. "He always says what's in his heart. But it doesn't much matter when you lose."  
Mark Price duplicated his All-Star Game performance by sinking six three-pointers in Cleveland's 102-100 victory over visiting Miami. Price scored 29 points, sinking six of nine from long range.  
"I'm probably shooting them better than I ever have. I don't know how long it's going to last," Price said.  
In Chicago, Michael Jordan sprained his ankle in the fourth quarter but still scored eight of the Bulls' last 15 points in a 99-95 defeat of Milwaukee.  
Jordan, who finished with 34 points, hurt his right ankle when he landed on Anthony Avent's foot.

After getting treatment for more than 30 minutes after the game, Jordan left Chicago Stadium on crutches and did not speak with reporters. He was scheduled to get X-rays as a precautionary measure, but he was listed as probable for Thursday's game at Orlando.  
"Tonight's loss can be described in only one way: Michael Jordan."

**NBA HIGHLIGHTS**  
said Fred Brickowski of Milwaukee.  
But Utah teammates Karl Malone and John Stockton, who shared Most Valuable Player honors in the All-Star Game in Salt Lake City, had an off night in a 105-78 loss to visiting Houston.  
Malone was held to 18 points, 10 below his average. Stockton got only six points, on a 3-of-12 shooting night, and seven assists.  
"It's just one of those things," said Malone, who missed 10 of his 17 shots from the field. "You're on top of the world one day and on the bottom the next."  
Hornets 104, Nets 95: At Charlotte, Larry Johnson had 17 points and 14 rebounds, and Charlotte held New Jersey to 38 percent shooting for its seventh victory in 10 games. The Nets committed 22 turnovers, and the starting backcourt of Drazen Petrovic and Kenny Anderson was 8 of 27 from the field.

Pacers 113, Celtics 96: At Indianapolis, Detlef Schrempf scored half of his 24 points on perfect free-throw shooting as Indiana handed Boston its fourth straight loss. It was Boston's worst loss to Indiana since its 130-101 defeat at Market Square Arena on March 29, 1983.  
Pistons 101, 76ers 89: At Auburn Hills, Mark Aguirre scored 24 points and Dennis Rodman had 25 rebounds in what may have been his last game for Detroit. According to a published report, the Pistons are going to trade Rodman to the Los Angeles Clippers for guard Gary Grant, forward Lov Vaughn and a first-round draft pick.  
Magic 125, Trail Blazers 107: At Orlando, Shaquille O'Neal scored 28 points and Orlando used a 46-point third quarter to beat Portland. Scott Skiles scored 17 of his 23 points in the third period for the Magic, who moved past Boston into third place in the Atlantic Division.  
Trailers 61-52 at halftime, Orlando began the second half with a 27-9 run.  
Rookie Christian Laettner, who was denied permission by the Minnesota Timberwolves to skip afternoon practice to attend an awards dinner in North Carolina but went anyway, was suspended without pay for Monday night's game in New York, which the Timberwolves lost.

## Lemieux May Play Saturday

*The Associated Press*  
Mario Lemieux is expected to be back with the Pittsburgh Penguins shortly. The way they've been playing lately, they can use him.  
"Our power play is terrible," said forward Rick Tocchet following Tuesday night's 3-1 loss at home to the New Jersey Devils.  
The Penguins have not looked like the NHL's top power-play team of late. Tuesday, they did not score on eight manpower advantages, and have converted just two of their last 34 chances.  
Lemieux doesn't end radiation treatments for his Hodgkin's disease until next Tuesday. The Penguins would prefer he not play until then, but their general manager, Craig Patrick, would not rule Lemieux out of Saturday's home game against Tampa Bay.  
Jets 8, Senators 2: Teemu Selanne scored his 46th to break Dale Hawerchuck's team record of 45 goals by a rookie, set in 1981. Selanne is just seven shy of Mike Bossy's NHL record of 53 goals in 1978 with the New York Islanders.  
Nordiques 6, Oilers 3: Valeri Kamensky scored twice — his first goals since returning three games earlier from a broken ankle that sidelined him Oct. 27.

## WBC Sides With King, Costing Lewis \$600,000 for Tucker Bout

*The Associated Press*  
LONDON — The wrangling continued Wednesday over how the \$12.16 million purse should be split for WBC heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis's defense against Tony Tucker in Las Vegas in May.  
Under WBC rules, the British fighter is entitled to 80 percent of the purse for making his defense in the challenger's home country.  
But promoter Don King, who represents Tucker, has pressed for a 75-25 percent split on the ring and Lewis's manager, Frank Maloney, said Wednesday that the WBC had agreed with King during a special vote taken Tuesday night in Mexico City. That means Lewis would receive about \$600,000 less.  
The fight will go on as planned, Maloney said, but he and the British Boxing Board of Control would lodge a protest with the WBC.  
"We will be reserving our rights and I'm talking to our legal people in the States at the moment," he said. "But there is no question of the fight not going ahead."  
John Morris, secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, accused the WBC of going back on its own rules.  
Morris said the WBC's president, José Sulaiman, "stated categorically that the winner of the Lennox Lewis-Razor Ruddock final eliminator would be champion if Evander Holyfield or Riddick Bowe reneged on the agreement to fight the winner. Lewis beat Ruddock, Bowe reneged and Lennox should receive his rightful share of the purse as WBC champion."  
The Daily Telegraph reported from Mexico City that Sulaiman was threatening to call off the fight and strip Lewis of the title unless he

agrees to drop a clause from the contract allowing him to sue the WBC over the purse split.  
"The WBC has rules and regulations, and unless Lewis follows them, we will withdraw recognition of him as our champion," Sulaiman was quoted as saying.  
**Ali Arrives in Beijing**  
Muhammad Ali came Wednesday to Beijing, drawing a crowd of Chinese hotel workers, reporters and boxing fans to a news conference to promote Saturday's "Brawl at the Wall," China's first professional boxing bouts since 1949. The Associated Press reported.  
"I stayed after work to see Muhammad Ali," said Yang Jie, a men's room attendant at the New Century Hotel. "The best fighters of all are Ali and Bruce Lee."  
"I'm going to save this for the hotel archive," said hotel salesman Paul Yang, waving a signed boxing program.  
All, his head trembling slightly from Parkinson's disease, patiently posed for dozens of pictures and signed scores of programs, shirts and even 10-yuan notes, worth \$1.70.  
Professional boxing ended in China when the Communist Party took power in 1949, and amateur boxing was banned after 1958. Chinese boxing officials credit Ali with helping revive the sport when he met with China's senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, in 1979. Ali has visited several times since.  
The featured bouts in the "Brawl at the Wall" match former WBA heavyweight champion Mike Weaver against Bert Cooper and light heavyweight Mike Solillo against the WBO champion, Leonzer Barber.

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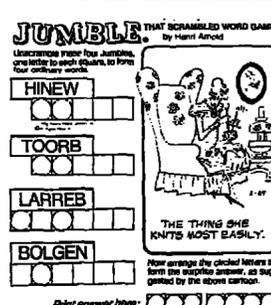
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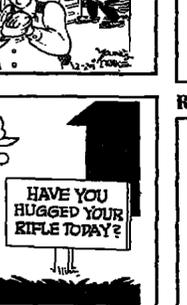
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Members of Italy's national soccer team congratulating Roberto Baggio on Wednesday after he scored the first goal against Portugal.

Dutch and Italy Win in Soccer

The Associated Press

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SIDELINES

Dahlie Nips Smirnov in Nordic Race

FALUN, Sweden (AP)—Olympic champion Bjorn Dahlie of Norway was declared the winner of a controversial 15-kilometer freestyle pursuit race Wednesday in the World Nordic Ski Championships when he and Vladimir Smirnov of Kazakhstan crossed the finish line side by side after a furious battle down the stretch.

The race jury first declared Smirnov the winner by 0.2 seconds, but reversed its decision 10 minutes later after studying video tapes of the finish and listed Dahlie as the winner by 0.1 seconds. A photograph of the finish appeared to show Dahlie's knee crossing the line just ahead of Smirnov. "I feel sorry for him, we're good friends," Dahlie said. "It was a high-quality race. I can't do much better in freestyle."

Lindford Christie of England, the Olympic 100-meter champion, has been forced out of the March 12-14 world indoor championships in Toronto by a back injury incurred training with weights.

Ben Johnson, who came within a fraction of a second of a world record in the 50 meters earlier this month, was left off Canada's team for the world indoor championships.

ENZA New Zealand and Commodore Explorer are virtually tied in the South Pacific in their race to sail around the world in 80 days after ENZA sailed 474 miles in one 24-hour spurt to close with the French yacht. They had covered 8,300 miles in the first 24 days.

Brian Bosworth, the All-American linebacker signed for \$11 million by the Seattle Seahawks in 1987, is entitled to collect \$7 million from Lloyd's of London because of a shoulder injury that cut short his NFL career in 1989, a jury ruled in Seattle.

The Tour of Sicily cycle race came to a halt when the field of more than 100 riders staged a strike in protest at dangerous conditions.

Quotable

Boxing promoter Don King, on his relationship with Julio Cesar Chavez: "We have a marriage, like a father and son."

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World Cup USA Will Cut Number of Public Tickets

By Filip Bondy

NEW YORK — Unrelenting demand for tickets to the 1994 World Cup has left organizers in a real predicament: How do they cater to long-standing soccer fans while keeping enough tickets available for the public at large?

In less than a month, World Cup USA has sold out its allotment of tickets to what it has termed "the soccer community" at three of the nine sites: Foxboro Stadium in Massachusetts, Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in Washington and Soldier Field in Chicago. The soccer community sale is virtually sold out at Giants Stadium in New Jersey as well.

World Cup USA officials will meet this week to decide how deeply they will dip into the general public's allotment of tickets to satisfy the demand from its most devoted followers.

"People have reacted very quickly, when you consider that we are still one and a half years away from matches and nobody knows who is playing," said John Griffin, press officer for World Cup USA.

"But we do not want to shut out the public. We are committed to making tickets available to everybody."

There are 3.6 million World Cup tickets available altogether, for all the rounds. Of this number, 2.3 million are earmarked for the United States, and 1.3 million are being sold outside the country.

According to the original plan, 30 percent of the 2.3 million tickets were to be sold to the soccer community by March 31, 1993. The private sale is being processed through mail forms sent out to youth coaches and players, and to customers who asked for ticket information last year.

Private-sale tickets can be purchased in generous strips of 10 seats, but Griffin said that World Cup USA was not concerned that the tickets sold to the soccer community were ending up in the hands of scalpers.

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